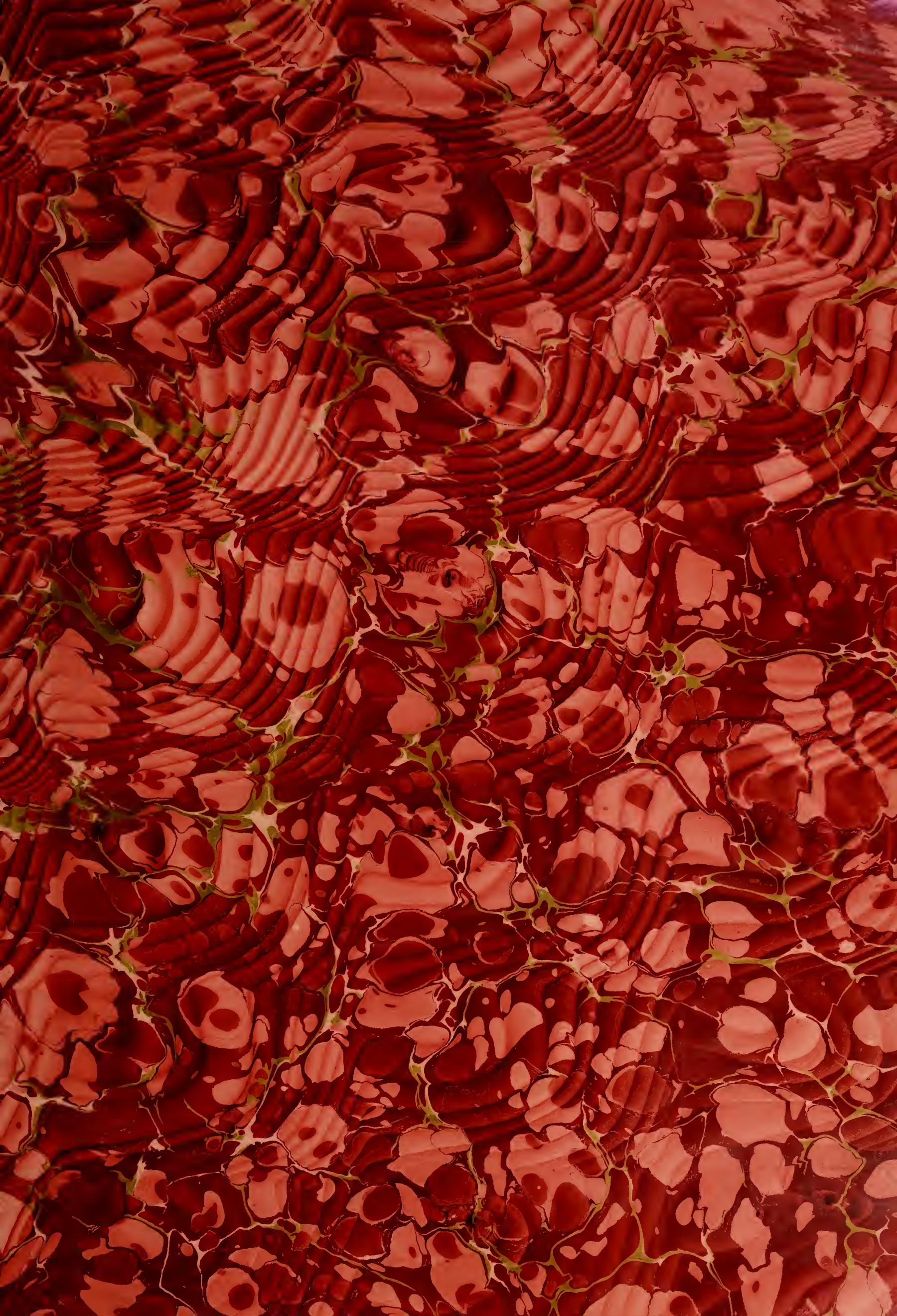



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THE FOX.

FIRST HISTORICAL REFERENCES.

THE precise date when the hunting of foxes for sport began will ever be a moot point. Upon this the history of the county of Essex would, however, appear to throw some light, as it is upon record that King Henry III., about the year 1216, issued a Royal mandate to Richard de Montfichet, forester of Essex, ordering him to allow Mabel de Boscum, Abbess of Barking, to use her dogs for the chase of hares and foxes in Hainault Forest, if she had enjoyed that privilege in the time of King John. It was discovered that she had enjoyed that privilege, as appears in the *Proc. Essex Arch. Soc.*, V., 197, having had free chase within the forest and without, to hunt hares, and rabbits, and the fox, badger, cat, and other vermin. Fisher, in his *Forest of Essex*, says that in early times foxes in Waltham Forest, as in other parts of England, were known as "raskalls" and "vermyu." The same tone is observable in the *Master of Game* and similar works, but there is in *Gaston Phœbus* an illustration of the hunting of the fox with a pack of "raches," or running hounds, going to prove that it was a form of sport at the close of the fourteenth century. Two centuries before that, however, Henry II. gave permission to the Canons of St. Osyth's to hunt the hare and fox with two greyhounds and four braches (scenting hounds). Then, again, about one hundred years before, on December 6th, 1189, Richard I., in his great charter to the burgesses of Colchester, gives permission to them to hunt the fox, hare, and wild cat within the liberty of the borough, and in the first year of King John, as appears by the *Cartæ Antiquæ* rolls, that monarch gave leave to Richard de Gray, of Grays, to hunt the fox and hare throughout the King's land, excepting within his demesne parks.

In 1227, the third Henry granted permission to the Canons of Waltham to take the hare, fox, and wild cat in Essex, and Richard II., as a mark of special favour to the Abbot of Waltham, gave leave to him to hunt the fox and other vermin in the Forest of Essex in their seasons frightening the deer as little as might be. Before this, however, Richard I. had licensed Robert le Norreys for life to hunt hare, fox, and rabbit through all the Forest of Essex. A like

grant was made to John de Berners in 1253, and the Canons of Bicknacre in 1255. This, while to all appearances pointing to some relaxation of the harsh forest laws of William I., also indicates the appointment of superior keepers, in a manner of speaking, to protect the King's deer.

Thus, King Henry III., on April 15th, 1253, granted to Richard de Thany and his heirs the right to keep eight harriers and twenty braches to hunt hare, fox, badger, and wild cat in the Forest of Essex at their pleasure, saving during the fence months, and to take and carry away such objects of the chase without impediment from officers of the forest, saving only the King's warrener.

A MONOGRAPH.

According to the biologist, the fox was an antediluvian. His fossil remains have been found in the gypsum of the Paris Basin, and among those of the mammalia in the first period of the Tertiary series. A very complete specimen was in the Murchison Collection. It was found under limestone in the Eningen quarries, and corresponded in all respects to the osseous confirmation of the fox of to-day. This, of course, is confirmatory proof as to his claims from an ancestral point of view.

If not altogether cosmopolitan, his geographical distribution is sufficiently general. Common from Africa to the Arctic regions, Europe and the temperate parts of Asia are well acquainted with him, and he abounds in North America. He draws the line at intense heat, however, for which reason the torrid parts of Africa know him not. In most places he varies in colour and markings, according to his habit; but everywhere he sleeps curled up like a dog, although of the genus *Vulpes*.

You know him, of course! A brown coat and white waistcoat beneath his sharp nose and elliptical eye. Set jauntily upon a self-possessed head is something resembling the black velvet skull cap affected by Jewish moneylenders. Closer inspection shows this to be his ears.

He has a habit of grinning like Mr. Carker, and exposing a flash of white teeth, while his countenance is dominated by an expression of successful cunning which is retained even in captivity. It would appear to say,

"These people are very simple; they cannot give me any points I shall soon be out of this." A felonious Ishmaelite, he is at home even in durance. With a hand, or, more properly speaking, pad, that is against all men, he is resolved, like Hans Breittman, wherever he goes, to leave "nodings behind." Adverse to domesticity, except during the breeding season, he hates respectability, and tameness is his black devil. Wherefore, if he has omitted to bite the hand that fed him, motives of policy doubtless supervened. Certain confiding naturalists



THE POACHER.

have supposed they had tamed him, but there was a rude awakening when they removed his fetters. After apparently fraternizing with his old enemy the dog, and tolerating the cat, he drifts towards the fowl-house—"Fox and chicken nebber wer' friends," runs the negro proverb. His family feud extends also to game, and the tenets of his creed forbid him to give quarter to rabbits. He is as religious as a Cromwell in this particular, and quite as murderous. No sooner does he spy a rabbit indeed than, in the same spirit, doubtless, which actuated that great *Protector* when he resolved to *dissolve* the House of Commons, he cries with a loud voice, "O, Sir Harry Vain! Sir Harry Vain! the Lord deliver *me* from Sir Harry Vain!" And then, as a second thought, "What shall we do with this bauble? Here, take it away!" and proceeds

in the true Praise-God-Barebones spirit to do so, or, in other words, “mace” poor bunny. If the assassin is paramount, and, after killing, the Bashu-Bazouk continues to murder for love of blood, we must remember that—

“His religion it was fit
To match his learning and his wit,
’Twas Presbyterian true blue;
For he was of that stubborn crew
Of errant saints, whom all men grant
To be the true Church Militant;
Such as do build their faith upon
The holy text of pike and gun;
Decide all controversies by
Infallible artillery;
And prove their doctrine orthodox
By apostolic blows and knocks;
Call fire, and sword, and desolation,
A Godly, thorough reformation.”

But the fox caters for a vast assembly, and its entourage, even as the felon supplies employment and a *raison d'être* for our police. Both, therefore, have a mission. What could be happier? A highwayman of the Claude Duval type, he is a self-respecting freebooter, properly appraising his own worth, knowing the price put upon his head. Life to him resembles that of any other fashionable thief—the day devoted to slumber, the night to plunder, or carousing and love. Taught by family tradition, he expects his time to be divided into periods, in the one of which he will hunt, in the other be hunted. Foxhounds are his police, however, for which reason he makes a study of their methods; but for harriers he has something approaching a contempt—albeit agreeing with them that the hare is made to be hunted.

Difficulties, of course, arise occasionally. Thus it happens that upon returning from a fruitless marauding expedition, wet, perhaps, to the skin, he, instead of retiring to his warm dry couch, about which he is very particular, to digest a tender chicken, succulent rabbit, or a pheasant or so, he finds the agent of police has paid a visit—the earth-stopper has nailed up his front door, and another set of chambers have to be sought forthwith. But then he shines.

His map of the country, like unto Mr. Weller’s knowledge of London, is extensive and peculiar. His vixen mother—a very Hagar—imparted all she could, and her early tuition has been enlarged and improved upon by a ripened experience, and many ordeals of battle. Hence he knows the old brick kiln, long unused; the ancient wall, lichen and ivy covered, on to the top of which he climbs like a monkey; or the hayrick on the farm surrounded by wire, whose proprietor he is aware prohibits hunting on his land. Near the top of this is a hole, and from this he can watch the approach of an enemy; such are safe spots. “Can I not take mine ease in mine inn!” He sleeps, after the proverbial manner of the weasel, with one eye open, all senses on the alert, and yet rests. His *réveillé* may be the twang of huntsman’s horn or whimper of hound; but even at the tramp of a horse he is wide awake and gliding into the shadow—is away often before the foe suspects his presence.

Should a surprise be effected, he has that audacity and resource which approximates to what Napoleon termed the “3 o’clock in the morning” courage. Rapidity, presence of mind, and capacity for effort, are at once in evidence, and he has been known to jump, apparently, into the midst of a bloodthirsty pack and get clean away. A born diplomatist, he never appears to be flurried, whatever may be his feelings. The hounds, blood-hungry, yell and gnash their teeth; but he is Machiavellian and mute, wearing his usual sardonic grin. The thought uppermost in his mind would appear to be that the occasion has arrived to show his metal, against foes worthy the steel. Vainglory, however, is not one of his failings: no chances must be taken, so that if he can steal away quietly he has no intention of breaking covert and taking the open. A view hallo has but few charms for him—besides, he has heard it before.

If circumstances oblige him to break covert and reveal a personality which modesty, or some other virtue, bids him at the moment conceal, he takes it fighting, but enters the ring like a tried strategist, determined to take no liberties, and overlook no mistakes in the foe. Possessed of

greater speed than the fastest of his pursuers, for the first half-mile at least, he is well acquainted with the fact that they can stay, so does not pump himself at a first burst. Reserving his power, he falls back upon strategy to compass their defeat. Here the wonderful knowledge of the country, its inhabitants and their nature, comes to his aid. Not a thicket hedge, dry-ditch,



BREAKING COVER.

watercourse, drain, or meuse, with which his nocturnal peregrinations have not acquainted him. The difficulty is, however, how best to use them when making his point. He has set his mark for a distant and safe stronghold; but it will be a very close thing to get there before the hounds.

Could he sacrifice a few moments to finesse, there is a sheep-fold where the nauseous sheep, and the equally strong scented starling, would most probably throw the pack off. A detour would be necessary, however, and time is precious. Moreover, the enemy would see too much of his

movements, which would never do. The river runs between. He swims like a frog; indeed, in times of stress he is not above making a meal of that croaking chorister beloved of Aristophanes. Yes, the water will serve. In the first place it kills scent, or possibly carries it so far down stream as to throw his pursuers half a mile out of their course. Secondly, being a swift swimmer, he gains on the enemy; and thirdly, being light-footed as a cat, he can land on sandy, crumbling soil, which will throw the enemy into confusion. After running along an ivy-clad wall for a hundred yards or so, he takes to the water again, and, perchance, takes refuge in a stationary mill wheel, a trick which his respected dam did many a time and oft, and so outwitted hounds, huntsman, and field.

Perhaps, however, he feels full of beans, and, disdaining subterfuge, determines to have a go for love and a bellyful. His sanctuary may be ten miles distant, but his muscles are clean as steel, wind good, and heart firm as it ever was, wherefore—

“He waited not, he was not found,
No warning note from eager hound,
But echo of the distant horn,
From outskirts of the covert borne,
Where Jack the whip in ambush lay,
Proclaimed that he was gone away.”

There is another side to the little rascal in red, however—Mr. Fox at home. In the vixen he has a mate to the manner born, worthy partner of such a thief of the world. A good mother, and fierce withal in defence of the family of quaint little cubs, she is dead game, and will fight fiercely to the death to preserve them. Her solicitude for their welfare is shown in a thousand ways, and those who take the trouble to watch an earth will see pretty sights. Such an observer must station himself down wind in a good hiding-place, a well foliaged tree for preference, and, with a pair of field glasses, await developments. As the morning sun gains power, the vixen appears at the entrance to the earth. Her observations take the form of a long wait, during which she is all attention. Winding in all directions, she makes a survey of her surroundings, listening anxiously for every sound, to note if they contain any danger. Satisfied with the inspection, she returns, and shortly afterwards a cub appears. He has evidently been impressed with the idea of caution, as he, too, has a look round, but is immediately rolled down the bank by the rush of a more impetuous brother. Then the game of romps begins, and a very pretty

sight it is. The peculiarity is, however, that when she goes a-foraging they lie *perdu*, having evidently received strict instructions to stay in the house during her absence. The dog-fox, too, mounts guard when not engaged in replenishing a rapidly exhausted larder. Fighting is always part of his existence, but when the cubs have to be protected he turns fighting mad, is oblivious to danger, and scorns any thought of self-preservation. It may be objected that a foxes' earth is not all lavender; but if anything makes us more tolerant of its odoriferous qualities it is the fact that Brer Fox plays the game according to his lights, and that the litter of cubs, rolling over and playing like kittens, are being taught all the wiles of fox-lore, which their wild, cunning parents have learnt in many a fierce joust, and may live to put up a record run.



SCIENTIFICALLY CONSIDERED.

LET us humbly submit the fact to some of our great authorities that they ought to reconsider their decision when placing the fox among the dogs. True it is that they put him in a subdivision of the *Canidae*—*Vulpes*, to wit, but we would still submit that he is a quadruped *sui generis*. The alpha and omega of the position is, to our mind, summed up in a few words. The wolf and jackal interbreed, the dog-wolf and jackal interbreed, but a cross between dog and fox is rare indeed.*

* This is a vexed question, and has been much discussed. While able naturalists, notably the late Professor St. George Mivart, do not admit the possibility of a hybrid between dog and fox, albeit allowing for specimens of both fox and wolf frequently resembling each other, there are educated and keen observers ready to vouch for the fact. We believe Miss Serrell, the talented author of *With Hound and Terrier in the Field*, asserts that she knows an instance of the dog-fox hybrid. In an article which appeared in the *Field* in 1905, entitled "Wild Dogs in Spain," Mr. J. G. Haggard, the British Consul at Malaga, who enclosed a photograph from which an illustration by F. W. Frohawk was produced, gave the following particulars:—"During the month of June last several predatory animals were found to be playing havoc on the mountain sides around Malaga, and opinions differed as to whether they were wolves, hybrids between wolf and dog, or descendants of domestic dogs that had run wild and bred for generations in a wild state. Numbers of kids, fowls, and peacocks had been killed by these brutes, and at least one dog that I know of, a medium-sized watch-dog near my house. A Spanish farmer sat up one night with a gun and killed two of the animals, a full grown bitch and her bitch puppy. I regret that I did not see the old bitch, which a Spanish gentleman at once bought for the sake of the skin, but the younger animal was brought to me, and I enclose some rather indifferent photographs of it to show what it is like. The ears do not seem to me like those of a wolf, and I have seen many in North America and elsewhere. They are more like those of a fox. In colour the animal is a yellowish grey, with long grey hairs interspersed, and it is very long in the leg for its size, like all the Spanish foxes. . . . Of course, I cannot tell the age of the animal, but it seems to me much larger than the English fox. The tail is beginning to get bushy, as may be seen by the photograph." The Editor of the *Field* thereupon consulted Mr. Abel Chapman, the great authority on the wild animals of Spain, who replied:—"Your letter comes opportunely, as my old friend Mr. Walter Buck from Spain happens to be staying with me. On looking at the photographs we were both struck with the similarity of the animal to the *podenco*, a very common breed of dog in Spain, about half way between a smooth Irish terrier and a greyhound. These dogs are commonly used in Spain for hunting both large and small game, and we have known instances of their running wild, as domestic cats often do. They are generally believed in Spain to have been originally crossed with a fox, the smaller breed—that is, those called the *paterna* breed; the larger with the wolf, as in the Sierra Morena." Upon this point Mr. Buck said that he considered the animal to be a young *podenco* or Andalusian rabbit dog, which is much the same shape as a fox, more particularly about the head, which has rounded cheeks and a pointed nose. The ears are also alike. Common in Spain, these dogs have fine wiry frames, the colour being a light foxey-red. The best bred, known as the *calera* or *paterna*, are popularly supposed to have originated from a cross between a fox and dog (bitch). These animals, more or less crossed with the mastiff, are the usual hunting dogs of Spain, those used for red deer and wild boar having almost always a larger mixture of the *podenco*. It will be seen from our illustration that the animal much resembles the long-legged Spanish fox (*Vulpes melanogaster*). As the Editor of the *Field* remarks "Its general appearance seems to lend some support to the popular belief in Spain that when domestic animals run wild, as they sometimes do, and take to preying for themselves, they occasionally mingle with the fox of the country, and produce a litter of hybrids." At the same time, we must point out that these facts, interesting as they are, do not amount to positive proof.—EDITOR.

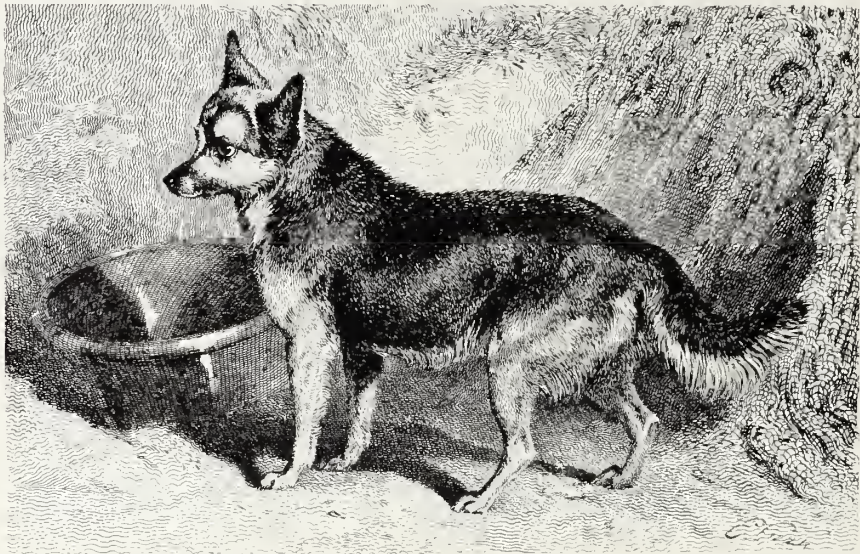
We give an illustration of one of the few instances. If we required a second position, the eye of dog and fox are of different construction. With the dog we have the orb of vision constructed for use by day, but the pupil in the fox is that of a nocturnal animal. It is elliptical, and only when conditions are crepuscular, or

“When dark night strangles the travelling lamp,”

its full powers enter into being. Beyond question the fox is semi-blind by day, and when he is supposed to be in full possession of his faculties to run before a pack of hounds it is his midnight.

Then, again, has the reader ever surprised a fox in the semi-darkness of a wood, copse, or other cover? Look at the fine eyes as he watches the intruder. The pupil is not elliptical then—they shine like great red-brown lights, full of a greater intelligence.

If there is one of the twenty-four species of foxes which might be supposed to be more nearly connected with the genus *Canide* than the others, it is the Arctic variety, which does not emit the same foetid odour known among fox-hunters as “scent,” which we associate with his English cousin. Whether he is possessed of the sub-caudal gland which is so distinctive in the “Dan Russet” of Chaucer we have not closely enquired. All the same, the cousinship seems to be remote, as he



From a sketch by E. Lawbsecr.

PORTRAIT OF A CROSS BETWEEN DOG AND FOX.
In the possession of Lord Cranley.

neither possesses the distinctive stench nor the cunning of our little friend in brown. Thus the Arctic variety has been known to walk into a trap without the slightest sign of suspicion, whereas the European and American editions (we mean the red fox in this case) are not only proverbial for cunning, but show such caution under the circumstances, that it would puzzle the keenest psychological student to draw the line between instinct and reason.

Returning for a moment to the question of species, and the number of foxes at present known, the naturalists would appear to be at issue on the point. We believe that sportsmen first raised the question. All are agreed upon the one European species—fox in England, *tod* in Scotland, *renard* in France. He is the red and brown villain of the piece, the Mephistopheles of the animal kingdom. The fur is reddish brown above, and, generally speaking, white beneath; the back of the ears and fore part of his limbs are black, and the tip of the tail white. A black line runs between the inner angle of the eye and the mouth. Black also usually predominates between the elbows and heels. This rough description is qualified advisedly, owing to the many exceptions which occur. Thus, and we must refer to Bell, we have the animal described by Prince Buonaparte. Quoting from our distinguished naturalist, we write:—“The late Prince Charles Lucien Buonaparte described, in his *Fauna Italica*, a fox which differs from the common one in having the fur of the belly black. From this character the Prince gave it the specific name of *melanogaster*. The opinion expressed in the former edition of this work, that this might be nothing more than a variety of the common species, has been entertained also in his subsequently published work on the *Mammals of Germany*, by Professor Blasius; and an individual taken in Warwickshire had all the underparts of a greyish-black hue. Being scarcely full-grown, it is probable that with age the dark parts would have assumed their ordinary colour, and there is little doubt that it was an animal resembling this one which was described as *Canis melanogaster*.

The common fox is sometimes seen in this country with the tip of the tail black or grey. Mr. Ogilvy has suggested that this may arise from the unusual length of the hairs of this part, which are generally quite concealed by the long white hair, and both this gentleman and Mr. Blyth state that cubs of the same litter differ in this respect, a proof of how little value are such circumstances as distinctive characters. In this connection it occurs to the memory of the writer that of the numerous cases in which cubs have been littered upon the estate of that good sportsman, Mr. Ellam, "The Warren," Epsom Downs, there was one little fellow virtually black, or of so dark a slate colour, that it was difficult to say under which particular hue he could be catalogued. As showing the extraordinary climbing powers of the species, we may mention that the ancient brick walls with which part of the preserves are enclosed, which are soft, having been erected most probably when the domain was a hunting and hawking box of King Charles II., are scratched by the claws of the vixens when going to and from the earth to open country beyond. This occurred, we may mention, after they had been raiding Mr. Ellam's poultry, until the servants of the establishment were up in arms against the marauders.

As most of us know, the small Arctic fox, whose most southern point is now Iceland, albeit its remains prove that formerly it descended as far south as Germany, and was an inhabitant of this country, is one of the animals which changes from its bluish-grey summer dress to a complete white in winter. M. Frouessart, by the way, has asserted that this supposed change does not exist, but that the colours are a question of sex and age. His arguments are, however, by no means convincing. We have an instance of a pure white fox in England. It was killed at Taunton in 1886, and properly introduced visitors can see the preserved remains, which are in the possession of Mr. C. J. Esdaile, of Cothelestone House, Taunton, upon whose estates it was killed.

Regarding the food of our subject, chapters might be written. Olaus Magnus, Archbishop of Upsala, gives us a lively picture of our friends in russet dipping their brushes in the stream, and then pulling out crayfishes by this novel species of an "angle." Whether his Reverence was romancing upon this occasion we leave to the critical to decide. That foxes are fond of shellfish admits of no question, however, and those who dwell near the sea-shore are well aware that the fox not only devours dead crabs and fish, the jetsam of the sea, but eats them in a putrid state, should no better provender be obtainable. A self-respecting fox prefers pheasants, partridges, hares, and rabbits, when he can get them. Failing this, we know that poultry forms an agreeable change in the bill of fare. The latter, however, involves more risk than he appreciates, unless the domestic birds are allowed to roost out of doors. He, therefore, devotes his attention to rats, field mice, the water vole, and other smaller animals. As far as the water vole is concerned, he takes it swimming frequently, as there are few English quadrupeds, if any but the otter, that can give him points as a natator. In France, it is said, he robs the vineyards. Upon this question Bell is also instructive. In common with the jackal, the fox seems to have a fondness for carrion. "We have heard from a man much engaged in the woods," says he, "that the fox gives the preference to putrid meat." The remark was elicited by observing the skin of a hedgehog turned inside out, which was at once claimed by the woodman as the work of a fox. We are much disposed to coincide with this opinion, having often observed that hedgehogs which have been taken in traps are, after a time, devoured by some animal of sufficient size to turn the skin inside outwards. As badgers do not occur where this has been observed, and cats and dogs will not feed on the hedgehog, it must be



BROUGHT TO BAY IN THE HEN ROOST.

attributed either to the fox or to magpies and crows. As a further evidence of the proneness of the fox for high meat, we may mention having seen the remains of several rooks and a magpie taken from the nest of a fox, all of which had been trussed and hung up in a cornfield as scarecrows, and had become quite putrid.

The fox also resorts to the sea-shore in search of such fish, *mollusca crustacea*, and other marine animals which the tide has left upon the beach. Besides this, it may be noted that the *Colcoptera*, more notably the large beetles and other insects generally, especially the grasshopper, form part of his diet in times of scarcity—indeed, the *ordure* of foxes when examined frequently contains the wing cases of beetles. There is one thing we believe that he has never been known to devour—the carcase of any bird of prey.

Fossil remains of the genus are found in the caverns of Europe, and extinct species occur in the Tertiary deposits of various parts of the world. Of the living representatives, however, one of the nearest is the red fox of Eastern North America (*Vulpes fulvus*), upon which the opinion of experts is divided, as to whether he is a distinct species or only a variation of the common type. Perhaps the latter is the correct deduction, as up to the present we believe that only remains of the grey fox have been found in the caves of the North American continent, and these are abundant, whereas none of the red variety have yet been unearthed. In view of these facts, it is assumed that it is possibly a descendant of the European species introduced in former times, and that the difference of appearance is the product of a different environment and altered conditions of existence. It is larger than the English variety, and the fur is longer and much softer. The muzzle is more pointed, but there is no difference in the cranial and dental characteristics.

In view of such facts, we must adopt the conclusion of that able American zoologist, Allen, who not only believes the European and American foxes to be of similar species, but also considers the three American varieties to differ in nothing but different degrees of melanism. It might be added that little doubt remains that both the horse and fox of America originally came from the old world. “The red fox,” says Sir J. Richardson, “does not possess the wind of his English congener. It runs for about 100 yards with great swiftness, but its strength is exhausted in the first burst, and it is soon overtaken by a wolf or a mounted horseman.” According to St. George Mivart, the American fox is generally larger than the European representative of the family, but the Western American fox would appear to be the most magnificent fox and finest variety known. A type of the species is deposited in the American Patent Office. It appears that the special characteristics of this variety are large size, the length of the fur, and its long tail. It is, however, very similar in appearance to the red variety, and varies in its colours in a similar manner. This is another fact which would seem to strengthen the belief that the foxes of the new world are descendants of those in the old, but whether related to Solomon’s, “The little foxes that spoil the vines,” is a moot point.

ARTIFICIAL COVERTS.

THE fox has his manners, as most of us know. His peculiarity is in the possession of thinking powers beyond the four-footed creation in general. Of course, the experts will tell us that the quadruped can never think. Instances are not wanting, however, of an intelligence which puzzles the critics. The clever men may leave alone or decide it—one against the other, of course. There is, however, a “but” in this case which complicates with the argument. We have a certain memory of a fox which, according to the tale, watched a sow going home with her piglets. There was a stump of a tree, some six or eight feet high, in the passage of her progress. The fox had often watched the procession—he seemed to want pork, and for the moment forgot the apple sauce. Feeling that the young pork required a bit of lifting, he took a small log and practised at the bit of wood in the pigs’ march. When he could lift it clean, and get at the top of what was to be his refuge, he took a porker *en passant*. The sow did everything but

catch him. The top of the sawn trunk had been hollowed by the rains, and the fox "lay low" with the sucking pig. That is an old story to some of us, but modern instances occasionally beat fable. Only the other day, a fox was seen "laying low" on an oak branch. Fortunately for the "lord of the brush," when he was spied there was a view hallo—another had gone away, and the chap which had climbed the tree was left until another day. The fox in question was lying on a dependant branch of an oak tree. The trunk was at an angle: he had run up the trunk, got on to a branch that was mounting to the sky, and ensconced himself in a bower of ivy, with which the limb of the tree was covered.

In this respect foxes have their peculiarities. We have a habit of regarding the fox tribe as being purely indigenous to earth. As regards him this is correct, in a sense, but upon occasions he not only harbours in trees, but his wife, the vixen, occasionally litters there. In much-hunted countries, where the larch and fir are in order, the vixen will not produce her cubs on the ground in all instances. Occasionally, where the firs and larches, under the order of fierce winds, spread out low, she litters her cubs upon one of the strong outlying branches. To such a retreat the low-lying boughs have formed a sort of stepping-stone or ladder, and her cubs and herself were out of the reach of weasel, ferret, and similar dangerous vermin. It may not be generally known that the fox appears to have an instinctive dread of ferrets. The writer has known more than one instance of the latter animal bolting a fox, and Mr. Vyner has written of a similar experience. Whether the fox, an extremely timid animal at times, has an instinct that there is a human being directing the ferret is matter for question, but he certainly usually declines to face the ferret, unless he is thoroughly cornered. In this respect he differs altogether from the dog, as the latter, if a good animal, makes very short work of the best ferret that can be slipped against him.



As all hunting men of experience are aware, many foxes kennel in the open for a great portion of the year, only perhaps going to earth during the breeding season. They will, perhaps, make a home on a brush-covered hillock, or if the labourers, in clearing land, have left heaps of underwood they will take possession, and often quite a family of foxes is found in such a retreat. Again, they at times go to places where to all appearance there is hardly sufficient cover to hide a weasel; but such is their power of concealment, and so well does the colour of their pelt match the dried grass or withered fern, that one can almost walk on to them before seeing the splendid hazel eyes widely watching one's every movement, and they only bolt when quite sure that they are observed.

Most hunting countries—indeed, we think we ought to say all—possess artificial fox coverts. In the North they are vernacularly known as whin coverts, but in the Midlands they are termed gorses. Such aids to foxhunting are invaluable, as although an old travelling dog-fox, and occasionally others, are found in the most open situations, they will not, of course, harbour without covert of some sort. When there are coppices and spinneys, or thick undergrowth, the artificial covert is not needed, but modern agriculturists are in the habit of clearing all the land they can, and the artificial coverts and earths become vital, if sport is to be preserved. In many districts the preservation of foxes is unfortunately regarded as quite a secondary consideration when compared with that of game. "Pheasants before foxes," would seem to be the rule, and the shooting interest is paramount. Under such circumstances no attempt is made to fence in gorses, dingles, and other quiet spots where the timid "Dan Russet" may take up his abode. If cattle or two-legged trespassers are allowed to invade his retreat, the fox changes quarters. He loves quiet, and his covert should never be invaded, save by the foxhound on business bent. To many, such remarks may appear to be entirely superfluous, as we have sportsmen in our midst so well acquainted with the fox and his ways, that they would never expect a find in a covert that had

ever been disturbed. On the other hand, many careless sportsmen are altogether at a loss to understand why these likely-looking places never contain a fox. To the initiated the question is answered in one word—"Trespassers." In such cases the fox does not usually require two intimations. An instance occurs to the mind of the writer where a certain estate was never drawn blank. It was said, indeed, that the owner managed not only to have foxes bred on his land, but to get all those of his neighbours. This was a slight exaggeration, but the owner's secret really consisted in keeping his coverts strictly preserved from intruders, with the result that wild foxes which tried the coverts found such a serene retreat that they concluded to stay.

Before leaving the subject of queer retreats of a fox, we must recall a curious experience of the York and Ainsty huntsman some years ago. Vixens, as we before noted, have been known to litter in trees, and they have many times been found lying up on the broad, flat, fan-shaped branches of the spruce. The York and Ainsty went to draw a big wood in their country, which was usually a sure find. To the chagrin of the field, it drew blank on this occasion. They could hardly credit that the covert was tenantless, so a request was made to the Master to let the huntsman try again. As the situation was being discussed, a view hallo was heard from the wood. Upon the huntsman going to the spot, he found the shouts came from a young fellow standing at the foot of a spruce tree, against which a fallen tree was resting, the junction being some twenty-five feet from the ground. "Which way has he gone?" enquired the huntsman. "He's not gone; he be in t'tree," replied the youngster. On looking up, the huntsman spied a bit of reynard's brush, high up in the big spruce. The hounds being kept back, a few cracks of the whip brought two foxes down by means of the resting tree, which proved a natural ladder.

Writing of the curious places chosen by foxes, Mr. Vyner, in connection with his hunting of the Holderness Pack, says:—"We met one morning at Burton Agnes, the seat of Sir Henry Boynton, and proceeded to draw an osier belt, where the keeper told us we were sure to find 'Plenty on 'em.' The cover was all under water from the late heavy rains, and it looked the most unlikely spot in the world to find a fox in. However, there was a great abundance of that aquatic grass called 'tussocks,' and sometimes 'hassocks,' standing up four or five feet high, with a strong, clear stem, surmounted by a tuft of thick, warm grass, resembling a mushroom in shape. The hounds seemed very fond of the place, and feathered about outside in all directions, but could not find, nor did they throw their tongues to it. Not feeling satisfied, I quietly rode into the cover, at the imminent risk of being bogged at every step, and commenced to whip the 'tussocks.' I soon pushed one fox off, and, giving him a screaming hallo, the pack flew to me, and, rousing the place up with their tuneful notes, very soon dislodged three brace and a-half, all of which got clear away, excepting one we killed in the cover. We then got on the line, or rather lines, of the rest, which caused some confusion before we could settle to one which had gone away. I remember on one occasion, after a fairish woodland run, the hounds marked their fox into a very old hollow oak tree, close to a farm-house near Kenilworth. Everybody was certain the fox was in the tree, and the hounds were ready to tear the place down. After splitting open the old tree, we discovered that reynard was not at home, and there was a general laugh at the eagerness of the Master and his hounds; but in the midst of the merriment 'a truthful tongue' informed us that the fox was still within twenty-five yards of us, secreted in the Temple of Cloacena. He had no doubt first of all entered the tree, and, not fancying his quarters quite safe, had retreated to this most odoriferous asylum. I did not trouble myself at all about the laughing, for I got the fox, and that was all I cared about at the finish."

To resume the question of the artificial covert, however. The trouble of gorse is the difficulty of growing, or rather the slowness of the growth. A long time is required before it becomes anything like useful for the shelter of a fox. If we had to build a covert of gorse, we should make it to face the south. As we saw above, the fox would appear to have something akin to the cat about him, and if he can get sunshine the temptation to stay in the place is almost too great, even if disturbances occur. Raspberry canes are said to make good covert. We have never seen them used for it; but the blackberry bush tempts the fox. Only hounds and reynard can work in it, or rather, let us say, small animals. When the biped comes along his difficulties begin.

As to the making of a fox covert the opinions differ. We happen to think that gorse is

like unto the edelweiss—it grows where it is inclined. The soil is a question often discussed, but soil, as far as gorse is concerned, seems to be a matter of indifference. We have seen it in all situations. Loam is supposed to be specially suited to its development, but clay sometimes is the foundation, and we have known it grow upon sand, and dig down through the top dressing of clay into chalk. If a man has to make a covert for the fox, however, it is necessary to give him a place to sun himself. Generally the fox wants a very dry place—that is, if he has been well fed. We all know that he has plenty of his meals in marshland, and frogs form a large portion of his dietary. Beyond this, however, the stomach satisfied, he likes a dry place to bask in the sun. He is nearer the *Felidee* than the dogs, and when he lays down it is almost impossible to make the position too hot for him.

Our “wait-a-bit” thorn and its impossibilities are known to all of us. Personally, we are fond of hazel and the brier undergrowth. At the same time, we know an ideal covert in Surrey where foxes do not harbour as well as one would like. The nuts on the bushes attract children, and although the place is full of adders, the young people have no fear, and go through the tangle fern for the nuts. Foxes do not take any notice of adders, but they object to human intrusion. As a matter of consequence that covert therefore is drawn blank. As to the manufactured earth, we must have a word or two to say. We must quote from Bell’s *Quadrupeds*:—“The fox spends much of his time in burrows, either excavating them for himself or seizing upon and appropriating the preoccupied habitations of some other fossorial animal, as the badger or the rabbit. In this retreat, which, in sportsman’s language, is called its earth, it remains concealed during the day, and comes abroad only in the night, in search of its food. Its instinctive cunning leads it soon to suspect the wiles of its enemies, and it will in a very short time ascertain the design of a trap or a gin, though concealed with the utmost care.” It is creditably stated by a French writer that “a fox has been known to remain within its retreat without food for fifteen days, rather than risk the danger of falling into the traps which its sagacity had ascertained to be set around it.” This position will possibly be traversed by the critic. He might take exception to the statement that the fox always requires a new earth, or the earth of some other creature. They are peculiar in this respect. In Germany they build earths with a view of breeding cubs for the market, but timid reynard is not always in the mood to enter into new quarters at sight. An instance occurs to the mind where an artificial earth was erected by a good sportsman, in the hope that some of the wild foxes which were in the district would inhabit them. It might have been that they regarded the new thing as a species of trap, as portrayed in the quotation from Bell. In any case, they would not make use of this dwelling projected by the sportsman for many years. When they went home, so to speak, the house was covered by briars, and had a natural touch to it which Brer Fox thought was in keeping with a home.

DIGGING FOXES.

WHEN to dig a fox is a much vexed question. Some good sportsmen object to it altogether as a malpractice, and say he ought to be bolted. Here, again, there is a wide diversity of opinion, and the difficulty of having terriers always on hand is well known. There is no question that one of the main objects of all Masters of Hounds must ever be to get him out quickly, otherwise riders tire, horses are apt to become stiff, and perhaps the hounds grow indifferent. All these facts, it is almost needless to say, are regarded by the superficial as reflections upon the Master. Such persons are not prone to make allowances.

It is a *lex non scripta* that the spade should not be used, if it can be avoided. In the first place, it scares such timid animals from the earth, and if it is a main earth this amounts to a sort of sacrilege. When Masters dig in their own country, too, they have only themselves to thank should their supply of foxes run short; but digging in a neighbour’s fox preserves is certainly *taboo* unless a perfect understanding exists that the *compliment* may be reciprocated. Occasionally, when foxes are in a dangerous place, as far as poachers are concerned, it is most

advisable to dig them as soon as discovered, even if hounds have no immediate fixture in the neighbourhood. By such methods only can these gentry be circumvented. These rascals hesitate at nothing, whether it be artificial brick earth, stone, or drain. Should a fox take to ground in any place easily approached they are pretty sure to account for him, and they will sometimes obtain several in a night, provided the money is ready to hand from an unprincipled dealer. Under such conditions digging is not only excusable, but to be recommended. It is far better that a Master of Hounds should carry them off in a sack, even if but to kennel them, or keep them stabled until required, than such miscreants should be allowed to spoil sport and disappoint good fields.

Stopping the earths, drains, etc., is doubtless the best method, but then, again, it is not so easily effected as of yore. The reason is not far to seek, in the fact that hunting conditions have greatly changed. These are democratic days. Formerly, the squire or landed proprietor who kept a pack was usually a member of a family resident in the country for generations, perhaps hundreds of years, and therefore a power in the land.

Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis. An earth stopper was then allowed to go almost where he pleased and stop the earths. Now the gamekeepers, jealous of each other and with an ambition to see great bags of game killed in the big shoots, have a good deal to say in the matter. Some do not like strangers in the preserves, others are too intent upon more immediate duties, and a third division, although they may know how to stop an earth, often neglect to open it after the day when a pack has been hunting their district. Perhaps, however, the most unhappy class of keeper is that which, through ignorance or carelessness, stop a fox or foxes *in* the earth, by this means starving the poor little creatures to death. For this reason we always think it worth while for the Master or executive of a hunt to see that keepers are ingratiated and liberally dealt with, in order that a professional earth stopper should be allowed to visit their coverts. Many of these men know by instinct whether reynard is at home or not, and

if there is any doubt a good terrier, which should, of course, be provided for them, will at once set the question at rest. Runners with hounds were in former days much in vogue, but at present such men are few and far between. Indeed, they seem to have disappeared with the post-boy and running-footman. This one is inclined to ascribe to the introduction of railways and cheap fares. In our grandfathers' times men had to trust far more to "Shank's mare," and consequently were, generally speaking, better pedestrians, more especially in the provinces. It is, of course, only natural for a fox, particularly in the flying countries, to go to ground whenever he can, as experience has taught him in many cases that the pack is too speedy, and he is nearly sure to be run into if he stays in the open. In slower countries, reynard is often bolder, and gives better runs in consequence. Reverting for a moment to the neighbour's country, and the fact that in such cases bolting is the only form of getting your fox under such conditions, a few words may be permitted. In such cases it is always advisable to borrow the terrier of one's neighbour, as being the more sportsmanlike course. Should the little dog not be obtainable, fire, smoke, water, or other means may be adopted: we have known a case where a blast of the horn at one end of a drain has sent reynard out at the other. A polecat ferret will often effect the object, as foxes appear to have a peculiar antipathy to the presence of these animals. If terriers are employed, and they are good ones, it is advisable only to use one, as a pair of them often defeat the object by killing the fox. Again, they must be sufficiently good, or the boot will be on the other leg. Instances have occurred—one, we believe, in the Pytchley country—when, a true fox terrier not being available, an alleged terrier was obtained, and put into a drain to bolt a fox; the latter turned the tables by bolting the intruder. After this had occurred once or



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twice, to the delight of the onlookers, the alleged one refused to further face the music, and, another method of dealing with the situation had to be adopted. And in this connection it may be remarked that those people who are so ready to call a fox which goes to earth a "cowardly beast," "cur," or other opprobrious name, ought to be asked a home question—"How would they like to face, say, fifty couples of yelling savages, each of them double their weight, and capable of eating them single-handed, if an apparently easy method of escape were open to them?" Then to be bolted or dragged out with a species of corkscrew, to be eaten alive, might hardly appear to be an ideal form of ordering one's ascension robe. It always seems, in our humble judgment, better to leave reynard alone to fight another day. And this remark more especially applies to the spring. Those who dig or bolt foxes in the vernal season ought first to be satisfied that they are dealing with a dog, not a vixen. It is to be regretted that all are not considerate in this respect, sex seemingly being of no consequence, provided it is a fox. Now, the hunting of a vixen in whelp is not only unsportsmanlike, but short-sighted policy. Killing the goose which lays the golden eggs, in fact, as five or six foxes and one vixen may in such cases be lost to future sport. Nay, perhaps more. An instance is upon record where a dead vixen was found with no less than twelve cubs inside her; at Shardeloes, Squire Drake's domain, a vixen produced a litter of eleven cubs, which were all fit and well. Of course, these are abnormal instances, but in all probability the vixen with the dozen cubs inside her would have duly brought them forth after her sixty to sixty-five days of gestation and maternal trouble had she not been hunted and frightened to death. In this connection it is to be noted that reynard's enemies are even far more numerous than his wiles. The Ishmaelite of our coverts not only has lovers of horse and hound against him, but owners of hen-roosts, many gamekeepers, poachers, traps, vulpicides, poison, battle, murder, and sudden death. Such a much-persecuted quadruped excites one's better feeling. Hogg says:—

"I remember once when out hunting the hounds found a fox which did not leave the cover, but kept running from one part of it to another. Just as a hound was about to seize him he jumped over the dog, and thus saved himself. This tedious sport was kept up for a long time, till reynard, being tired with so many leaps and so many enemies, at last fell a prey to them. The huntsman, on taking him up, found that he had lost one of his forelegs. The covert being

entirely of furze, and not large, I could see all sides of him during this hunt, and was much pleased with the many elegant and quick leaps which the poor three-legged fox made to save himself from destruction. Doubtless one of poor reynard's legs had been caught in a trap, and, with his well-known courage, he had gnawn off the living limb, as they will do when in such plight. Surely, however, this game beast, after such a privation and his grand acrobatic display, must enlist our sympathies and deserved a better fate!"

To write an article on "Digging Foxes" is rather an invidious task, and to remark that foxes should never be dug is to stultify one's own opinion, while if one states that one approves of digging,



THE DISTRESSED MOTHER.

a general storm of execration arises from the greater number of people who go hunting. We will, therefore, try and find a middle course, and only give a few instances of when we think that our friend the enemy should be brought to light from his subterranean refuge. Many of our readers are Masters of Hounds and huntsmen of more experience than ourselves—for them we are not writing this article, but for some who are beginning the somewhat thankless

and wholly enjoyable task of keeping a pack of foxhounds these remarks may be of some passing interest.

The first fox we ever dug out was in the Old Berkeley country—about '81. We had found and hunted a fox of a particularly light colour several times, and he went by the name of “the old white fox.” We never managed to catch him, and we were in hopes that some day we should happen on a good scent, have a good run, and kill him; but towards the end of the season, January 24th—one of the earliest dates on record, we believe—we heard of a litter of cubs being bred in an earth in an unsafe place, so we decided to move them. We therefore dug them out, and at the bottom of the earth was the old white fox, dead, with a trap on his leg.



POULTRY AND WIRE FUNDS.

HUNTING becomes more difficult and more expensive every year. The strength of this trite observation is, however, scarcely realized, we imagine, by those who are unacquainted with the old *régime*. Forty or fifty years ago wire was unknown, and claims for poultry were non-existent, or, shall we say, that any compensation on the part of a Master of Foxhounds for losses was looked upon as an act of generosity. Now it is regarded in the light of a right. In dealing with so difficult a subject, a few facts anent the position claim attention. To borrow the words from the title of Ben Jonson's play, “The Case is Altered.” It is not, we are assured, that the farmer is not a sportsman. There are exceptions, of course. “I won't have them riding over my wheat, breaking fences, and leaving gates open!” is occasionally heard, but very occasionally, we are glad to say.

Generally speaking, the farmer, whether he be owner or tenant, is as good a sportsman as ever, but his difficulties have grown at a rate that multiplies as the square of the distance, so to speak. Wool from his sheep is not worth a half what it was; free trade has made his corn not worth the growing; other farm products have decreased in price; in fact, rates, income tax, and other expenses have gone up, and profits gone down. What is the farmer to do?

The mischief of Brer Fox is that he is not satisfied with the command, “Kill and eat,” but prefers to better the instruction in the most bloodthirsty manner. Once he gets into a hen roost, he becomes a very Nana Sahib, slaughtering for the sake of it. He is blood drunk, and wantonly kills all he can catch, abstracting perhaps two or three only, which he buries for future use.

Recently a sporting landowner with whom the writer is acquainted had twenty-five English and five Chinese geese, of a rare variety, killed by a fox in one night.

Similarly, we have known a case where reynard entered some pens of choice prize fowls, many of them worth guineas apiece. He disposed of twenty, but how the subsequent claim made was settled we have not heard.

Obviously, generosity on the part of a hunt is necessary under such circumstances, otherwise the trapping, shooting, and poisoning of foxes increase as a matter of course. There is among taxidermists and others a price ready for the carcase of a dead fox, as there is for

those of rare birds. The main reason that the hoopoe, nightingale, and other spring immigrants, are sought by the bird-catchers is because there is a market for them, living or dead, in all large cities, and every spring sees cellars, so as to avoid police observation, well stocked with these beautiful visitants.

To resume, as a rule, we believe, Hunt Funds pay 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. for grown fowls, 2s. 6d. for ducks, 6s. to 7s. for geese, and 10s. to 12s. for turkeys. Rates vary, of course. Prize poultry are, if we may use the expression, *ultra vires*, and do not come within the scope of assessment. The great difficulty of a Hunt Secretary is to deal with the claims. *Bonâ fide* ones are usually easily recognized, but the *mala fides* require much tact, as although we may suspect them strongly it is as well not to make enemies who can prove dangerous antagonists. Was it not Mr. Jorrocks who received a demand for payment of the value of "a young bull and ten acres of vetches," which it was alleged that reynard had abstracted! Humorous as was the fancy of Sirtees upon this occasion, there are claims made almost as ridiculous.

It remains to be explained why foxes would seem to have a preference to the fowls of those who do not hunt—nay, who are often directly opposed to it. Such would appear to be the case, however, if we are to judge from the persons who make the claims. Some of these individuals it would appear to pay as well as poaching, without the danger attached to the latter. Another peculiarity of these injured innocents is that they do not report the loss at once, but wait until the Committee Meeting is about to take place, and then send in a "bull and vetches" species of invoice. To the sophisticated it might seem as if this were intentional. People acquainted with the fox and his ways know that he does not kill clean when poultry is in his clutches. On the contrary, he scatters feathers in his wake, until the line of retreat looks like the track of the hares in a paperchase. If time is allowed to intervene, of course, there is no proof either way, and the claim is usually paid. At one period all poultry claims were met indiscriminately; but in some hunts it is now the rule only to pay for that which is shut up at night, and when reynard "burgles" the hen-roost. As to lambs, Mark Twain once assured the public that the report of his death had been "considerably exaggerated"—the lost lamb would appear to suffer from a similar complaint. Undoubtedly a fox will pick up a lamb or a sucking-pig if he has the chance, but either ewe or sow will drive him off if their offspring is near. The peculiarity in connection with the lamb story is that the shepherd's dog is more often the offender than the fox. The shepherd's master often has his servant to thank for this, as many of them, when a lamb dies, give the carcase to their dog. This love of lamb, without mint sauce, grows on the sheep-dog, and in times of scarcity, or whenever opportunity occurs, he forages for himself. As a general rule, it is difficult to convince a farmer that his dog could have been the delinquent, but upon occasion it has been proved in a most practical manner. An instance occurs to the mind. A party of farmers having agreed to kill the marauder, lay in ambush. The "murderer" duly appeared, and they filled him with lead. Upon rushing forth to carry home the remains in triumph they picked up—the farmer's dog. If the carcase has been partially consumed, and is examined, however, there can be no question as to which animal has been at work. It marks the difference of method between the *canidæ* and *vulpicidæ*. The dog will have commenced operations at the throat or head, but the fox goes to work on the entrails, usually tearing a hole under the foreleg, to get at the heart first. At the same time, too pronounced a line of action is often inadvisable. Early in the nineties, a man shot a fox, which was being pursued by hounds, in a well-known hunting district. This could not have been the result of mere malice—a person who does such a thing must have been provoked beyond his powers of endurance.

Wire! The word so familiar as a postscript to a letter, suggests a death-trap to the mind of a foxhunter. It is a growing curse. Farmers use it largely, not because it is the foxhunters' enemy, but owing to the fact that it is cheap and a wonderful protective of lambs and other young stock in the spring. Fencing can be more quickly patched by its use than in any other manner, and in the hunting season a man who *means* to keep hunting men off his land can effectually do so by caging it in with the huntsman's abomination. Dealing with poultry losses is a form of child's-play as compared with this, more especially in a lukewarm or hostile district. Even in

favourable quarters, many of the hunting farmers, owing to circumstances, have, instead of keeping three or four good hunters, been obliged to turn their attention strictly to business, and are apt to take decisive measures to prevent their crops being ruined.

Mr. Jorrocks, was it not? who remarked, "There is no colour like scarlet," adding, "In it a man winks at the women; rings at your bell, orders your brandy; rides through your garden; and all in the style of doing you a favour." However, "circumstances alter cases," as Lord Beaconsfield remarked, and matters have changed since the words were penned. Time was when the majority of men in the field were known locally, the stranger being an exception, and vernacularly known as a "snob." Railway facilities, motor-cars, *et hoc genus omnes*, have altered all that. Nowadays, a crowd of men and women riders sweep down upon a fashionable fixture, who perhaps have never attended it before, and never will be seen in the neighbourhood again. Some of these are either utterly reckless or quite unacquainted with the country and its methods—farming in particular. To tell such people to keep off the seeds is the equivalent of quoting Greek to a street arab. A good story went the rounds upon this point a few years since. A Londoner, visiting a country acquaintance, went hunting with him. Coming to a gap, the visitor passed through it and galloped his horse the length of a field. His friend was aghast. "Whatever made you gallop through those seeds?" was his astonished query. "Seeds!" was the puzzled reply; "I thought it was grass." Fortunately the owner of the land was not there to see him perform. The traces left of such a proceeding remain, however, and are calculated to create rancour in the extreme. The farmer, looking at the gap where our Cockney friend's horse had passed through, would naturally assume it to be the deliberate act of an enemy. This callous attitude, it may be noted, is often adopted by many snobs, who seem to consider that because they are hunting in a district they have a right, not only to ride rough-shod over the land, but over the owner of it also. Such proceedings are naturally resented. Whatever may be said to the contrary, a field of two or three hundred horsemen over sown land cannot do it any good. We knew a good man who was wont to remark, "If you have had a large field over your land, don't look at it for a fortnight afterwards—the damage seems less." Such a philosophical attitude has its advantages, of course. Then, again, crops differ in their ability to resist this cavalry charge. Wheat and cereals generally are very hardy, and, if ridden over not too late in the season, are little the worse. With peas, clover, and beans, however, the case is altogether different—once down-trodden and broken, they do not recover, but are altogether useless.

All farmers are not like our friend who allowed the fortnight's interlude. It is difficult to preach moderation to a man who, going over his land shortly after a big field has done so, finds his crops trampled, fences smashed, gates left open, and stock stampeded. He sees devastation all round, and it is often useless to moralize on the advantages forthcoming from the presence of hunting men in the district. He is apt to become cynical, and, like unto Nell Cook, "look askew." This more especially if he has made arrangements to dispose of his forage, dairy produce, and other productions of his industry 100 miles away. Of the deliberate manner in which some members of the field leave gates open a lot might be said. Ladies, who enter largely into this category, must not be counted, because of their inability to shut them; but the "gentleman's gentlemen" are a terrible nuisance in this particular. Second horsemen, for instance, often leave a gate open, either because they are too lazy to shut it, or for pure mischief's sake. We know an owner of thoroughbreds who lost a valuable mare, for which he had just refused an offer of £1,000, by this means. She got loose, bolted in a fright, tried an impossible jump, and, staking herself badly, had to be destroyed. As far as wire is concerned, it may be remarked that courtesy to the landholder removes more of it than any other method. Farmers and others properly treated almost invariably return the compliment. It is not the mere present of game that many hunts send out, or the farmers' luncheon or dinner provided. They could be bought for a sovereign. "Manners makyth man," and the courtesy and tact with which these compliments are tendered is the be-all and end-all of the position.

An able writer in *Baily's Magazine*, referring to his mode of procedure regarding wire, says:—"About the commencement of the hunting season, say middle of October, I send out a letter to every farmer in the Hunt whom I know or imagine to have wire in his fences, and ask

his permission to send over, as early as he can conveniently allow us to do so, the men I employ to take down his wire, with an undertaking in my letter that it shall be replaced to his satisfaction in the following spring. My men, who have each an appointed district to work in, and consist of village carpenters, fence-makers, blacksmiths, and general utility men, always to be found in country districts, and who know and are employed frequently by the people whose districts they act in, then follow up my letters, giving first turn to those who have replied to the effect that permission is given, and it is astonishing how many do so—reply—a list of whom I send to them on the first opportunity. In the course of their rounds they also call on each farmer as they get on, and get down what wire they can, flagging that temporarily remaining with red flags, and in cases where it must permanently remain I have red posts put up, with a notice board—say about 21 inches by 15 inches at the top, also in red—to warn people of danger; but generally, even in these fences, the occupier will allow a given space, if made up by timber fencing by the Hunt, to be utilized for riding over, and where this is the case I put up similar posts and boards to the others, but *painted white* and between these white posts you know you are all right. This method is really to the farmer's advantage, for where his fences are wired all round the Hunt followers, in the hurry of the chase, get into his field, say, through a gate from the road, ride all round, hoping for an outlet, and come out where they went in, doing far more damage than by the means of egress I provide. Certain sorts of fencing are cheap, such as short-angle wood, which can be got at any timber merchant's yard, and this cuts up into both good stakes and capping, and a handy fence-maker can put up a lot in a little time, and make a good fence of it. When the occupier will allow me, I unhesitatingly supply this at the expense of the Hunt, and have it put up *on condition that no wire is used on that farm*. In certain cases I have also supplied and planted quick-wood fences on similar conditions. It may seem that my ideas and ways look extravagant, but experience proves to me that if hunting men want to ride safely over such a country as I write about, which at the beginning of the season is a birdcage of wire, they must be liberal in their contributions to these now necessary expenses."

That this entails an outlay goes as a matter of course, more especially as the hunt country has to be mapped out, each district having its staff of workers, to attend to the removal and refixing of the wire. In some cases the farmers prefer to do this themselves, and when this is so the hunt must pay for labour and extra material. It is also necessary to employ an inspector of fences, to visit the various wired localities, and see that all gaps, etc., which may have been used have not been wired in the spring, and no flag placed to indicate that such is the case. Should this not be done, riders used to the gap in one season may attempt to pass through it again, with perhaps very serious results.

In conclusion, if we hunt we must pay for it, and a judicious outlay, courteously tendered, is half the battle.

INCIDENTIA OF THE HUNTING FIELD.

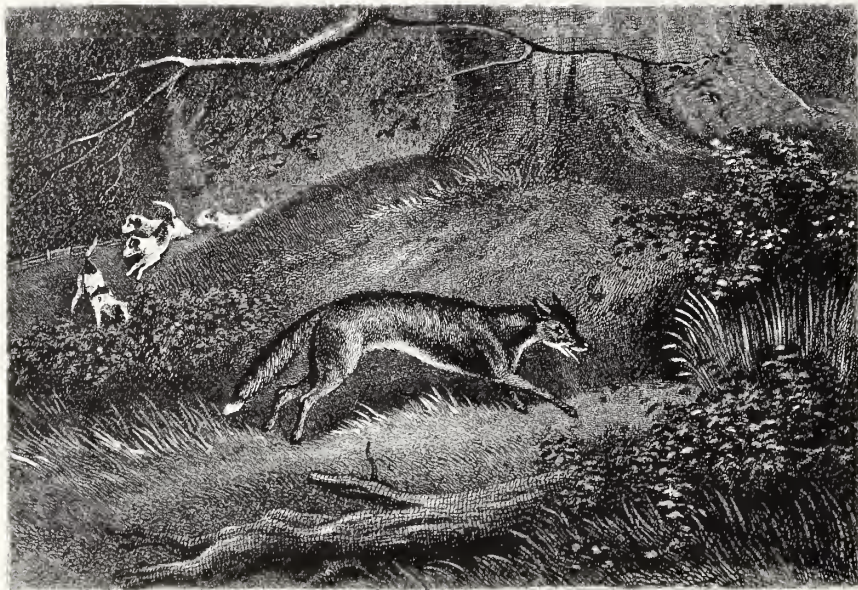
MONOTONY is the bugbear of most lives, and the sameness of hunting is familiar to all old lovers of the noble science. History repeats itself—the has been shall be, and there is no new thing under the sun. One day is all checks and casting, the next sees our fox choosing all grass, the third he will have none of it and "goes to plough"; but the sum of it is usually repetition even to those days when the season is dying hard, and we get at times one straight long run after another.

It is an accepted axiom among we humans that hounds cannot hunt without our control and direction. This, too, oblivious of the fact that wild dogs who have never seen the lord of creation manage all this in faultless style. About a dozen years ago, the Pytchley furnished an object lesson upon this point. The most curious fact in connection with it was that the weather was fine and clear. Under such conditions it would seem impossible for hounds to take proceedings into their own hands, or pads. This they did, however, leaving the Master, Hunt servants, and field, and, after giving them the slip, killing their fox in masterly style, the only

witnesses of the death being some disappointed sportsmen who were jogging homeward. If memory serves us, the Atherstone Hounds did a similar thing in the fifties, and there may be other instances on record which do not occur to the mind at the moment.

When such events take place in fog and hazy weather it is easier to comprehend. It is an old story of a Leicestershire M.F.H., after the manner of the Speaker, we forbear to name him, who, going out in foggy weather, was parted from his pack. Using his knowledge and summing up probabilities, he made his cast, in manner of speaking, and was gratified to hear the music of the pack in the distance. They approached rapidly, and, as the haze lifted, he was delighted to see them "bowl him over." "Capital run: two hours and five minutes," said he, to one of the field, as he consulted his watch. "Nearer two minutes and five seconds," said the "fielder." It had happened in this wise. The Master had lost his own pack, but fallen in with another in the same district. They say that the Master never asked a man to dinner again who started as a topic of conversation "runs in a fog."

In this connection there is the celebrated Dobson run, which happened early in the nineties. The exact date is a detail, but they met very early—six o'clock in the morning, if memory serves us, as is the custom in the Lake district—on a certain Monday in the month of March. The venue was at Little Langdale. They did a lot of patchwork on lucky scents until 10.30, when they hit upon a good drag, and got to work in real earnest. From Black Wave Crag, where they unkennelled the varmint, they worked hill, dale, and copse at such a pace as to leave the field



JUST IN TIME.

—a pedestrian one, of course—far behind: to lose them altogether, in fact, albeit the Hunt occasionally obtained a view of the "spotted beauties" mounting some lofty crag, or heard a distant peal of music from the racing pack. As night fell, they were still on their fox, and although the field had gone home, they were still in the fells. At 10.30 p.m., Mr. Tyson, of Fell Foot, and Mr. Harrison, of Little Langdale, were awakened from sleep by hearing a pack in full cry, as if the Demon Huntsman and his hounds were visiting their farmsteads. Both keen sportsmen turned out with lanterns,

hoping to be in at the death, and followed the music of the pack. This shortly afterwards ceased, and the two good men and true met the hounds returning. They were all very wet, and two of them bore evidence of having been "in holds" with the fox. It is assumed that they had killed this gallant mountain fox in a beck, after running him for over twelve hours.

The instance above recited is when a pack was engaged to bring their fox to book. The extraordinary part of it is, of course, the length of the run and that hounds did their work altogether unassisted. There are, however, many instances where single hounds have accounted for reynard. In the eighth volume of *The Sporting Magazine*, it is related how a bitch, said to have been one of Colonel Thornton's, accomplished the feat, and that under most trying circumstances. She was the only hound that spoke in cover, and the huntsman rated her. The whipper-in, striking at her with his whip, in an attempt to turn her, cut the poor creature's eye out. In this disabled condition she not only ran the line herself, but killed *single-handed*.

Nearly 110 years ago—1770, we think—a hound called Romulus, belonging to that Mr. Baker who hunted in the Midlands at the time, ran a fox eighteen miles and killed him. Romulus was afterwards in the kennels of the Duke of Bedford, who hunted the Oakley, and was the hound for which his Grace issued a challenge to run any other hound in the country for a

stake of 500 guineas a-side. It may be noted, too, that the feat of Romulus was not soon forgotten. Indeed, some twenty years after his duel with Reynard, a scribe favourably compares him with a great buckhound of earlier date, named Hercules, whose performance still remains a record. This run was also a "solo." Starting at Whitfield Park, on the borders of Cumberland, the stag seems to have been making his way home, as he ran to Red Kirk Hill, in Scotland. Taking the park palings there, game to the last, he fell dead on the other side. His determined opponent was beat too, however, as he could not negotiate the fence, and died on the near side of it. To commemorate the event, no taxidermist being at hand, the heads of stag and hound were nailed against a thorn tree near that notable monument, The Countess' Pillar. Inscribed on a stone hard by are the words—

"Hercules killed Hart-a-grease,
And Hart-a-grease killed Hercules."

According to an expert's calculation of the distance, it is assumed that the stag and his pursuer covered a distance of 120 miles. If this is so, of course, it is the longest run upon record. Of



WHERE THEY CHANGED.

a-half couples killed one of the fresh foxes at Haverhill, while the third fell a victim to the remaining couple of hounds near Thurlow Park gates. At the beginning of the last century there was a similar occurrence. In this case it was with Mr. Wyndham's Hounds, in the Wiltshire country. Meeting at Groveley, and finding a leash of foxes, the pack split up into three. Upon his return home Mr. Wyndham, finding that his whippers-in had not returned, beguiled his time by having luncheon and reading Ovid. When the two Hunt servants returned each had a fox's mask on his saddle-bow.

"I remember myself," says Mr. Vyner, "many years ago, Sir Thomas Vyner's Hounds throwing off at Helidon Gorse, near Shuckburgh, when having, as Tom Wingfield, the huntsman, thought, drawn the covert without finding, two couples of hounds slipped away at the bottom, and, after a most brilliant thing all to themselves, killed their fox near to Dunchurch, where they were seen by a farmer who was up at the death, and secured the hounds, who followed him, with the dead fox in his hand, to his stable. No doubt, if they had broken the fox up themselves, they would immediately have made their way across the country to try and join their less fortunate comrades."

A somewhat peculiar incident, showing the capacity of a well-trained terrier to take punishment, occurred in connection with the Wymstay Hounds early in the eighties. The second whip received information, in the month of May, that five foxes had taken up their abode in a drain on the Townog Farm, tenanted by Mr. Evans. He accordingly, accompanied by Mr. Fitz-Hugh's keeper, who had apprised him of the fact, went to Mr. Evans, and asked him to lend a dog. He, not having one, borrowed a little white fox-terrier, weighing about 7 lbs., from Mr. Stanley, of "The Court," Wrexham. This animal was put into the drain, and a battle-royal commenced. For fully three hours the auditors above could hear the combat raging, and at length the dog drove out two cubs. He then got the other two cubs before him and the old vixen behind,

alternately devoting his attention to his fore and rear positions, as they were being assailed. Eventually it became necessary to dig the combatants out, the vixen and two cubs being pushed with a pole into a bag, and the terrier lifted out. He was, after nearly four hours' hard "scrapping," still full of fight.

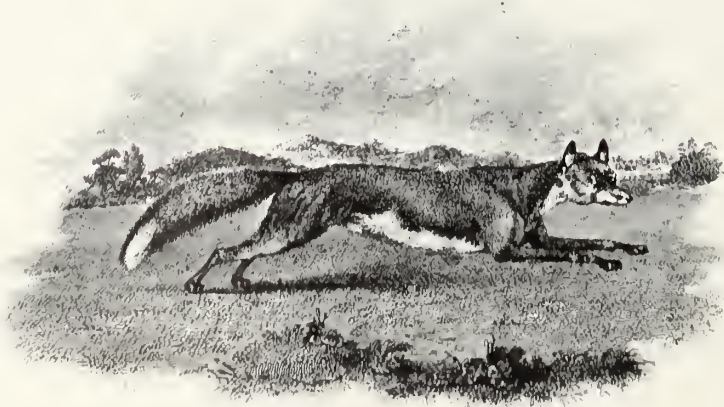
Regarding the laying of drags there are many good stories told. The late Mr. W. C. A. Blew tells one in connection with a country of which, as he said, "I happened to know every yard."



"HE'LL FIGHT TO THE DEATH ERE HE YIELD."

It was of a certain Master of Hounds who never visited an outlying part of his country because there was scarcely a fox upon it; but a good sportsman brought some foxes with him from an unhunted part of Scotland, and turned down in his coverts. These gradually disappeared, but, before they had all vanished, the Master was asked to bring his hounds over one day to hunt the survivors, and, in order to insure at least one find, one of the foxes was secured a couple of days before the Master's visit and kept in a loose-box, in order that he might be what old writers used to call "shook out" on the appointed day. One of the farmers

thought that a drag was advisable—a very mild one—so that hounds feathering on the line might lead to the conclusion that another fox had been disturbed. The farmer's young brother, who did not ride, undertook to see to the drag, which was started on the outskirts of a large wood and finished in another large covert, about four miles off. As luck would have it, the turned-down fox was soon disposed of, but the layer of the drag, not being quite up to his business, laid it rather too strong, and the fox coming to a premature end, the drag was hit off sooner than was expected. It happened to be a very good scenting day, so that hounds went away at a pace that surprised most of those out; but the Master, who had forgotten more about hunting than most of his followers ever knew, was not long in divining the true state of the case, and was naturally very angry. The owner of the real fox, however, who was not in the drag secret, assured him of the genuineness of the business, and so the hounds went on with only one short check. They entered the covert on the outside of which the line ended, and up jumped a fox who had evidently travelled far and rather fast. A hallo on the far side told of his departure, and in thirty-five minutes more the hounds were fighting for bits of his remains. "Never," said the author of the drag business, "was I more thankful for anything in this world than for the appearance of that fox. I felt very much ashamed of what I had done, and when detection seemed certain the last thing I expected to see was a fox." The explanation was easy. A neighbouring pack, after running a fox hard, had lost him by the way, and he, being a "toddling" animal, had kept on and reached the covert where they found him.



THE BROCKLESBY.

IT is not sufficiently realized by sportsmen, and especially foxhunters, what a large debt of gratitude is owing to what may be termed "family packs." In the van of these is the Brocklesby. No subscription of any kind or sort is, or ever has been, taken—the stranger is treated as a welcome guest, and the entire Hunt is done *en Prince*, having a "family" and, so to speak, hereditary appearance about it which is unmistakable. It is genuinely refreshing in these democratic, socialistic-ridden days to get a glimpse of old English life, and to remark how well landlords, farmers, and even labourers pull together, and how keen they all are on the national sport of foxhunting. Lord Yarborough says: "There are no better puppy-walkers, no keener foxhunters, and no finer sportsmen than the tenant farmers of North Lincolnshire." And we must remember that Lincolnshire is one of the most genuinely agricultural counties in England, to realize the true inner meaning of Lord Yarborough's assertion.

The whole of the Brocklesby country is situated in the county of Lincolnshire, and is bounded on the north and east by the Humber and the North Sea; on the south, by the Southwold and Burton countries; while on the west the country is not hunted.

In the eighteenth century, the whole of what is now the Southwold, with part of the Burton and the northern part of Nottinghamshire, formed part of the Brocklesby territory.

Prior to 1895, the Brocklesby Hounds hunted the country, as far as the Trent, on the west, but since that year the Kirton and Howsham countries have been lent to the Burton, while the Southwold has the loan of the Kirmond, Binbrook, and North Ormsby districts.

From Barton to Brocklesby, in the northern part of the country, and as far as Brigg, on the west, there is good grass land below the wolds, the best of it stretching from Brocklesby to New Holland and Grimsby. The pastures are intersected with drains, and the hounds skim over them like pigeons. In 1816 there were hardly any fences between Brocklesby and Brigg, a distance of thirty miles, while the wolds were sheep walks and rabbit warrens. There is a good bit of country lying on the east, from Grimsby to the Louth line, in which the ditches are deep and the fences strong; the best of this district is Bradley Vale, which is largely arable. North Lincolnshire may be roughly divided into the Marsh, along the south bank of the Humber; the low country, mostly arable; the Wolds, down the centre of the country from Brocklesby to Spilsby, containing fairly light plough lands, easy fences, few villages, and well grassed roads; and lastly the Cliff, or the uplands running from Willoughton to South Ferriby.

From old letters still extant, it appears that as early as 1623 the Pelham of that day had hounds. There was great distress in Lincolnshire that year, and in a letter to his brother-in-law Sir Edward Conway, Sir William Pelham writes about "horse-flesh as hath lain long in a dyke for hounds" being used for human food. The Brocklesby Hounds have long been famous, and "the race of Rutland and the nose of Yarborough" has been a received axiom of kennel creed for many years.

In 1714, Mr. Charles Pelham, Mr. R. Vyner, and Sir J. Tyrwhitt united their packs, and a few years later Mr. Pelham became sole Master. Ever since that date the pack has been owned by a Pelham, and a Pelham has always been the Master. Mr. Pelham's Mastership lasted till his death in 1763, when he was succeeded by his grand-nephew, Mr. Charles Anderson, of Manby, who took the additional name of Pelham on his succession. It is not known when Tom Smith, the first of the famous line of Brocklesby huntsmen, first joined the hounds; it was in Mr. Charles Pelham's time however, and he carried the horn till 1761, when he was succeeded by his son, another Tom Smith, who had started to whip in to his father when he was only fourteen years old.

In 1787 the planting of the Pillar Woods was begun; the work was not completed until the year 1823, when it was reported that twelve and a-half million of trees had gone to the making of the woods; making a total area of 3,392 acres of woodland, with ninety-one miles of rides.

Lord Yarborough continued as Master of Hounds until 1816, when he was succeeded by his son, the second Earl.

The first Lord Yarborough and the huntsman, Tom Smith the second, both retired in 1816, in favour of their eldest sons; Tom Smith had had fifty-nine years of hunting when he handed the horn over to his son Will, "The second Tom Smith was a fine horseman and a good huntsman, but the breeding of hounds was his particular hobby, and during his tenure of office at Brocklesby the pack secured a reputation second to none in the kingdom."*

The Brocklesby Blood deserves notice, as hounds have been bred carefully since 1700, and the hound lists since 1746 are still preserved. No other pack can show such a long pedigree, and, indeed, much of the best hound blood in England may be traced to Brocklesby. The most famous sires have been the two Ringwoods, Ranter, Rallywood, the most famous fox-hound ever known, and Vaulter.

The pedigree of the hounds will be dealt with fully in the space devoted to the subject in another volume of this work.

Will Smith lost his life in April, 1845, from the effects of an accident in the hunting field, and his Master shortly afterwards died on board his well-known yacht, the "*Kestrel*," in Vigo Bay in 1846. He was succeeded by Charles, the second Earl, whose huntsman was Will Smith the second, son of the previous huntsman, and he carried the horn from 1845 to 1856. The "*Druid*" says of him, "As Will Smith the first lay on his deathbed at Barnoldby, 'Stick to Ranter' was the last kennel injunction he gave to his son Will"; and it was not forgotten, either by him or his brother Tom. The father tried many dashing experiments, which less experienced huntsmen would not have thought of; on one occasion he clipped a hound, and on another he took out a pack of bitches, all in season. "The nose of Yarborough" had lost none of its fame in his hands, but in obedience to the wishes of the late Lord, the standard was reduced to twenty-three and a-half inches for dogs; twenty-two for bitches.

When Will Smith the second retired from service, he was followed by his brother, Tom Smith the third, who carried the horn till 1862.

The second Earl, who died in the same year, was succeeded by Charles, the third Earl, who was born in 1835, and was the father of the present Master. For the first time in the history of the Brocklesby, the season 1862-63 shows a huntsman who was not a Smith; Philip Toccock only carried the horn for one season, however, and was succeeded in 1863 by Will Smith the second, who again appears on the scene.

He hunted the hounds for two seasons, so that with the exception of the one season, the Brocklesby Hounds had been hunted by the family of Smith for 150 continuous years. After Will Smith the second came Nimrod Long, who made himself a great name as a huntsman; he was a finished rider and a great hound man, he was a son of the celebrated old Will Long of the Badminton, who had served four Dukes of Beaufort and had hunted hounds for thirty-one years. Nimrod started at fifteen as whipper-in to fill a gap, and after the season the appointment was confirmed. In 1853 he was promoted to first whip, then being only eighteen years of age. After various vicissitudes in hunting and farming, he eventually came to Brocklesby from the Essex Union in 1861. In 1869 he was obliged to keep indoors with a bad attack of bronchitis, and during his illness the hounds were hunted alternately by the Master and Alfred Thatcher, the first whip.



TOM SMITH (FATHER AND SON) WITH HOUND, WONDER.

* *History of the Brocklesby Hounds*, by G. E. Collins.



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THE BROCKLESBY HOUNDS (1908).

On March 6th following, the historic Brocklesby run occurred, from Usselby Plantation to Holton Beckering, lasting 2 hours and 5 minutes; "hounds had traversed fifteen parishes, and had run not less than twenty-four miles."

On February 5th, 1875, hunting came to an abrupt conclusion, owing to the Earl of Yarborough's death in London. As the present Earl was then a minor, his mother, Victoria, Lady Yarborough, assumed the control of the hounds. There was some talk of raising a subscription about this time, but Lady Yarborough generously came forward, saying that the Pelhams had always hunted the country, and, as far as she was concerned, would continue to do so, at any rate till her son came of age. That which Lady Yarborough had undertaken to do she most ably performed, and was greatly assisted therein by Mr. J. Maunsell Richardson, whom she subsequently married in 1881. Lady Yarborough was at this time one of the finest horsewomen in England, while her tact and skill enabled her to keep the most crowded and enthusiastic field in order. In 1877, Nimrod Long retired, and took the "King's Head Hotel," in Louth. He was followed by Alfred Thatcher, who carried the horn from 1877 to 1881, and then by George Ash, from the Holderness, who was huntsman till 1884, when he returned to the Holderness again.

The present Earl came of age and assumed the Mastership in 1880. "Popular as his ancestors have been in the past, they cannot have been more so than is the present Master of the historic old pack. Courteous in the extreme, he rules his field with a gracefulness and tact that is the admiration of all visitors, and which is, in the end, far more effective than the vituperation that some Masters of hounds think necessary to their office." In 1884, Will Dale, at present the celebrated huntsman of the Badminton, came to Brocklesby, where he remained as huntsman for twelve years, during which time he brought the hounds to a very high pitch of perfection, both in the field and on the flags.

From 1882 to 1885 the dog pack had been hunted by Mr. J. Maunsell Richardson, after which Dale hunted both packs till 1895. In this year Lord Yarborough was obliged to reduce his establishment, and that wonderful dog pack, the result of nearly 200 years of careful breeding, was sold to Lord Lonsdale.

Will Dale left Brocklesby in 1896, and once more a Smith, though not of the same family, took command in the person of Jim Smith, who is still carrying the horn at Brocklesby, with Albert Povey and Harry Hill as whippers-in. The Brocklesby kennels now hold fifty-four couples of hounds, which are marked with a Y and number in one ear.

During the absence of Lord Yarborough in the season of 1907-08, Mr. E. G. Pretzman acted as Field-Master, with Mr. Cavill Lowish as deputy, and the arrangement holds good at present.

Lord
Worsley.Victoria,
Lady Yarborough.

Dick Yeo.



Nimrod Long.

Charles, 3rd
Earl of Yarborough.Hon. Victor
Pelham.Lady Gertrude
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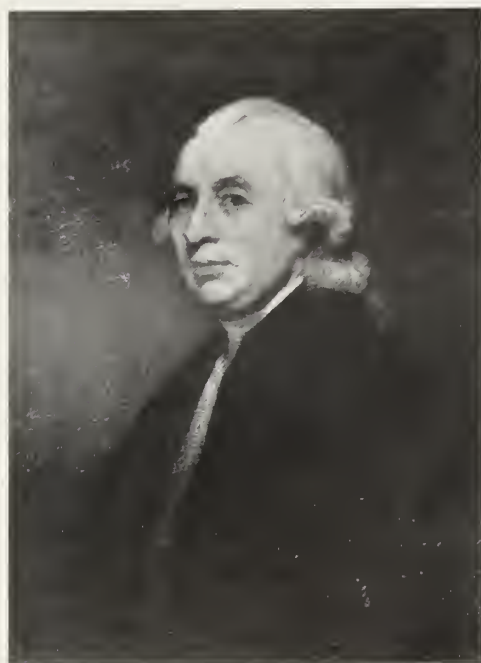
By the arrangement which was entered into between Mr. Charles Pelham, Sir John Tyrwhitt, and Mr. Robert Vyner, it was agreed between the parties that hounds kept by Sir John Tyrwhitt and Mr. Pelham should be joined in one pack, and the three have a joint interest in them for five years, each to hunt them for one-third of a year. It was further agreed that the establishment should consist of sixteen couples of hounds, three horses, a huntsman, and a boy. How many days they hunted a week with such a limited retinue does not appear, but possibly two at most.

The Mr. ROBERT VYNER mentioned in the arrangement was descended from an ancient family seated in Gloucestershire in the time of Richard II. He purchased the estate, Gauthby Hall, Lincolnshire, and was M.P. for the county in six Parliaments. He was born in 1683, and married first Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Style, second Baronet of Wateringbury, by whom he had a son, Robert, his heir, and three daughters, one of whom, Margaret, married Charles Pelham, of Brocklesby, Lincolnshire.

Mr. R.
Vyner.

Mr. Vyner did not long continue the Joint-Mastership, Mr. Pelham taking over the whole control as Sir John Tyrwhitt also seceded. Mr. Robert Vyner died in 1777.

Another scion of this noted hunting family, Thomas Vyner, LL.D., who was born October 3rd, 1753, became Prebendary of Canterbury, and held two livings in the neighbourhood of the Brocklesby Hunt—Withern and Authorpe—and another, that of East Peckham, in Kent. His distinguished relative, Mr. R. T. Vyner, the author of *Notitia Venatica*, says:—"From an old collection of hunting memoranda in my possession which belonged to an uncle of mine, who was a worthy D.D., and a real lover of foxhunting, and who passed many a happy winter in hunting with the hounds of the first Lord Yarborough and Mr. Meynell, I have taken the following extract: 'Lord Thanet's Gallant and Gameboy were got by Brusher out of a daughter of Lord Chidworth's Gamester. Crane brought with him the dam of that bitch when he came to Lord Thanet. Brusher was bred by Lord Ossory, and supposed to be got by Mr. Taylor's Rivers of the same litter with the dam of Gameboy and Gallant, and there were nine, on the whole, remarkably good-winded and speedy, though coarse-looking hounds. They were called "the Royal Family" from their excellence. However, this litter were, most of them, to have been drafted on account of their plainness, but Crane begged they might be tried up a trailed scent before they went, and in running this trailed scent the whole family distinguished themselves in a remarkable manner.'"



From a painting at Brocklesby.

DR. VYNER.

It will thus be seen that the reverend gentleman knew a good deal about hounds, their breeding and work, but it is also chronicled that he was one of the most accomplished and elegant horsemen that ever steered hunter over country, which was the more remarkable at a period when so very few young men could ride to hounds at all. Among a choice collection of horses possessed by him was a magnificent roan, a present from the Lord Yarborough of that day. The animal had been given up by his Lordship, huntsman, and whips as a dreadful and confirmed puller. The sporting divine was, however, a match for this Bucephalus, and his light hand and resolute seat carried the day as he rode several seasons with only a plain snaffle.

The Reverend Prebendary died in November, 1801.

The early history of the family, of which SIR JOHN TYRWHITT was the head, is full of incident and romance. Somewhere about 1590 they possessed the lordship of Kettleby and lived in a moated hall, with a fortified drawbridge, near Bigby, on the high road from Brigg to Caistor, some remains of which were still standing in 1799. In the days of Edward II. the Tyrwhitts intermarried with the Shipworths, whose descendants hunt on the Wolds of Lincolnshire to this day.

Sir J.
Tyrwhitt.

At Melton Ross, close by Bigby, lived the Ross family, who were at feud with the Tyrwhitts, and in 1603 a hunting party of the latter met with a contingent of the Ross family. A deadly

Sir J.
Tyrwhitt.

fray was the result, and many were slain on both sides. James I., hearing of the fight on his progress from Scotland, caused a gallows to be erected near the spot where it took place, and promised to hang thereon the first, be he gentle or simple, who should have the temerity to appeal to the force of arms without first obtaining the sanction of the Royal Authority, which put an end to the fray. The Tyrwhitts, who in after years appended the name of Drake, are now in Oxfordshire, but they still hold an estate within a ride of their ancient lordship. At the foot of the Wolds, between Brocklesby and Great Grimsby, is the village of Aylesby, consisting of a church and two farms. One of them was occupied by the late Mr. William Torr, well known as a breeder of shorthorn and Leicestershire sheep. Among the outbuildings is a group, which, till quite recently was known as "The Kennels," and although they have long been used as stables, Sir Thomas Tyrwhitt used to keep his hounds there 150 years ago.

The 1st,
2nd, and
3rd Earls
of Yar-
borough.

If we study Burke and that excellent *History of the Brocklesby Hounds*, by Mr. Collins, for the ancient history of the Pelham family, we find that the surname of Pelham was taken from a lordship in Hertfordshire, which is recorded as being among the possessions of Walter de Pelham in the 21st year of Edward I., and it is believed that his ancestors held it prior to the Conquest. There are three villages of that name in the county, all close to each other, viz., Pelham Brent, Pelham Furneaux, and Pelham Stocking, in one of which was a castle in the old days, whose owner had once to pay the then exceedingly heavy fine of forty pounds for contempt of court, in that he failed to be present at an inquest which it was his duty to attend. Since those early days, all down the long line of English history, we find the Pelham family giving famous soldiers and statesmen to the service of their country.

On the outbreak of the Civil War, Sir William Pelham raised two regiments for the Crown, one of cavalry and one of infantry. The Pelhams of Brocklesby and the Andersons of Manby being staunch Royalists, suffered much from the Parliamentarians, and Brocklesby was several times raided by the Roundheads. Sir William's death, which took place in 1644, was accelerated by the hardships of campaigning and the troubles of the times. His brother, Henry Pelham, was Speaker of the House of Commons until turned out by Cromwell.



From a painting at Brocklesby.

THE FIRST EARL OF YARBOROUGH.

Mr. Charles Pelham, who joined his packs of hounds with those of Sir John Tyrwhitt and Mr. Vyner, represented Grimsby in Parliament in 1722, and was member for Beverley for twenty years.

This Joint-Mastership is, we believe, that referred to in Mr. Vyner's *Notitia Venatica*. In this work he also says, "The most extensive breeders of hounds who may be said to have done any fundamental good to the various packs of the present day were the first Lord Yarborough, Mr. Meynell, the Duke of Rutland (grandfather of the present Duke), the Duke of Beaufort, Lord Fitzwilliam, Mr. Osbaldeston, and we must also add the late Mr. Foljambe, but, all the same, his pack was descended in great part from Mr. Osbaldeston's grafted on Lord Scarbrough's pack." Mr. Charles Pelham died, full of

years, in 1763, and was succeeded by his grand-nephew, Mr. Charles Anderson of Manby, who took the additional name of Pelham on his succession, and was subsequently created Baron Yarborough. The first Lord Yarborough was a keen politician; he sat for Beverley in Parliament, and also represented the county of Lincoln for twenty years before ascending into the Upper House. As to his merits as a follower of hounds, we cannot learn much, but we gather he must have been a good landlord, for he not only made great improvements in his tenant's holdings, but he evolved, so to speak, a following of great yeomen whose fortunes are, to an extent, connected with the family to the present day.

The eldest son of the first Baron, who was born in 1781 and created BARON WORSLEY and

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On "Cats."

EARL OF YARBOROUGH in 1837, was generally known as "The Commodore," from the fact of his having been the first Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron. He previously represented Grimsby and county in Parliament for twenty years. He died on board his yacht the "*Kestrel*" in 1846.

The 1st,
2nd, and
3rd Earls
of Yar-
borough.

The second Earl, widely known in his country as "Yarborough the Good," was born in 1809. He was a connoisseur in art and a *littérateur*. As a young man he rode well to hounds, but after about the year 1856, indifferent health, coupled with railway and Parliamentary duties, prevented his hunting regularly. He died in 1862, and was succeeded by Charles Anderson-Pellam, the third Earl, who was born in 1835; sat for Grimsby as Lord Worsley, and was one of the prime movers in our great Volunteer movement, which has but recently come to an end. A good landlord and a keen sportsman, he kept up the best traditions of the Brocklesby Hounds. After his death in 1875, his widow, Lady Victoria, fourth daughter of the second Earl of Listowel, undertook the upkeep of the hounds during her son's minority, defraying all the expenses incident thereto out of her private purse. Few could head Lady Victoria in the field when mounted on one of her favourite hunters, Brilliant and Birthday.

CHARLES ALFRED WORSLEY ANDERSON-PELHAM, FOURTH EARL OF YARBOROUGH, was born in London, at South Audley Street, on June 11th, 1859. The earlier years of his boyhood were spent at Brocklesby Park, in Lincolnshire, where the future Earl had his first experience of riding. He was under sixteen years of age when his father died, in 1875, and his mother, Victoria, Countess of Yarborough, did all she could to encourage him to take an interest in hunting. The boy proved an apt pupil, and became very fond of the sport.

The 4th
Earl of
Yar-
borough.

In the year 1873, the necessity of going to Eton called Lord Worsley (as he was then) from the North, and except for riding with the hounds during the winter holidays he had no regular hunting until he went to Cambridge in the year 1878.

Here he took his degree (M.A.) from Trinity College. Lord Yarborough, during his college days, was one of a small body of ardent sportsmen who, when opportunity allowed, devoted his time to sport without undue interference with his studies. He kept his hunters at Huntingdon, and, whenever possible, made a journey there and hunted with the Fitzwilliam hounds.

In 1880, five years after the demise of his father, and on attaining his majority, Lord Yarborough left Cambridge and assumed the Mastership of the family hounds, the Brocklesby, of which pack he has been Master ever since. The pack is a private one; no subscription is taken, and capping is not practised.

Among the many excellent hunters which the present Earl has owned, he still holds Dashaway to be the best he ever had. Lord Yarborough hunted this horse from 1881 to 1889, and many remember how well he carried him.

Sensation, a bay horse bought from Major Cosmo Little, was another excellent hunter. He once ran in the Brocklesby Hunt Races, and was victorious in the race for Lady Yarborough's Cup, the most esteemed trophy at this meeting.

In addition to his versatility as a sportsman, Lord Yarborough is a soldier, and was first Colonel of the Lincolnshire Imperial Yeomanry, from 1901 to 1907, the regiment being raised by himself; as long ago as 1883 he was appointed Vice-Admiral for the Coast of Lincolnshire. From 1890 to 1892 he was Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, and since 1895 has been Grand Master of the Lincolnshire Freemasons.

An engraving of his Lordship constitutes the frontispiece of this volume.

His son, Lord Worsley, will eventually succeed to the earldom of Yarborough and to the baronies of Fauconberg and Conyers, which titles his mother holds in her own right.

MR. JOHN MAUNSELL RICHARDSON, of Edmondthorpe Hall, Oakham, is the second son of the late Mr. William Richardson, of Limber, Lincolnshire, and was born on June 12th, 1846, at Limber. Mr. Richardson's fame as a sportsman extends from his sixth year, when he was initiated into the mysteries of the science of foxhunting; he was blooded by old William Smith, of the Brocklesby, the then Master being the grandfather of the present Earl of Yarborough.

Mr. J. M.
Richardson.

Mr. Richardson recalls an incident that happened when he was ten years old. Old Tom Smith, the huntsman of the Brocklesby, in taking a fence, fouled it, and jumped over into the

**Mr. J. M.
Richardson.**

railway line, his mount becoming entangled in the reins. Young Richardson, who was immediately behind, cleared the fence and proceeded to release Smith from his dangerous position, and both riders then continued with the field. In acknowledgment of his timely help, old Smith later presented Richardson with the brush of that day's run.

Mr. Richardson's father was himself a keen hunting man. In the year 1810 he won a three-mile match against William Torr (a great shorthorn breeder of his day) on Huntsman for £100 a side. Another of his ancestors, his great-grand-uncle, William Richardson, won the Chester Cup with Conqueror in 1788, when that race was run in four-mile heats.

Educated at Harrow, even in his school days Mr. Richardson hunted every season in the holidays. During the minority of the present Earl of Yarborough, our subject's stepson, Mr. Richardson acted as Field-Master of the Brocklesby Hunt for ten years. He has also had sport in Ireland with the Duhallow, Louth, and Kildare. He has owned some famous hunters in his time, notably Giraffe, an Irish-bred horse, whom he hunted with the Brocklesby, and Titterstone, by Gemma De Vergi, who won a big race at Croydon. The best of his present

stables is Bracelet, bred by the late Lord Willoughby de Broke, dam out of a Vanderdecken mare, and the granddam by Solar.

At Cambridge Mr. Richardson was Master of the Drag for two years, and hunted regularly with the Fitzwilliam and the Oakley. It was his custom to hire a chestnut mare from a livery stable in the town occasionally for hunting, and this mount turned out to be such a good one that later she won a race against Lord Moreton and Lord Melgund.

One of the foremost gentleman riders of his day, every sportsman is cognizant of his splendid victories in the Grand National on two occasions on Disturbance and Reugny in 1873 and 1874.

In 1881, Mr. Richardson married the Lady Victoria Alexandrina, daughter of the second Earl of Listowel and widow of the third Earl of Yarborough. He is D.L. and J.P. (parts of Lindsey) for Lincolnshire,



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LADY YARBOROUGH.

and served as lieutenant in the 1st Lincolnshire Light Horse Volunteers 1873-78. He was M.P. (Conservative) for the Brigg Division of Lincolnshire 1894-95, and was a Board of Trade Commissioner of the River Humber Conservancy in the years 1897-1902. Until the latter year Mr. Richardson lived at Healing Manor, Lincolnshire, but since then he has lived at Edmondthorpe, Oakham. For the past thirty-five years he has been a judge at the Dublin Horse Show in the hunters' class. He has also officiated in this capacity at the Yorkshire, Richmond, Lincolnshire, and the Royal Agricultural Shows.

Mr. Richardson is a member of the Carlton and Pratt's Clubs.

**Mr. E. G.
Pretyman.**

MR. ERNEST GEORGE PRETYMAN, who, during the temporary absence of the Earl of Yarborough in the past two seasons, has acted as Master of the Brocklesby, is the son of the late Rev. F. Pretyman, Canon of Lincoln, Fellow of Magdalen, and was born at Great Carlton, Lincolnshire, in 1860. Blooded when five years old, at Eton he ran with the Beagles. Entering Woolwich, he joined the Garrison Artillery, and eventually, in 1884, the Royal Horse Artillery, where he remained till he succeeded to the estates of his cousin in 1889. During all these years he hunted intermittently at home, and also with the Blackmore Vale, Belvoir, Pychley, Atherstone, and occasionally the North Warwickshire. Entering Parliament as Conservative member for the Woodbridge Division of Suffolk in 1895, he became Civil Lord of the Admiralty in 1900, and three years later was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, which post he retained till the General Election in 1906.

Since the year 1889, Mr. Pretyman has always resided at Riby Grove, his estate in

Lincolnshire, during the winter, and has never missed a season's hunting. He is also a keen shot, fisherman, and yachtsman. He owns a freehold farm and river in Norway, and is Rear Commodore of the Royal Harwich, and Commodore of the Orwell Corinthian Yacht Clubs. His best horses, Rex, by Artful, and Mabel Gray have been well known in Lincolnshire.

Mr. E. G. Pretyman.



MR. E. G. PRETYMAN.

The Deputy-Master of the Brocklesby Hounds, who filled Mr. Pretyman's place in the seasons 1907-09, during that gentleman's absence, is Mr. RICHARD CAVILL LOWISH, of Aylesby Manor, Grimsby. He was born on March 26th, 1859, third son of the late Mr. Richard Lowish, of Haisthorpe, Yorkshire. His mother was the daughter of Mr. William Wood, of Anlaby, Hull.

Mr. R. C. Lowish.

Mr. Lowish inherited his love of the chase from his father, who was formerly well known in the Holderness country. As a young lad he gained a good deal of experience by riding four miles to school every day for a number of years. He was blooded with the Holderness and with Lord Middleton's.

On completing his education at Eccleshall College, Yorks, he came to live in Lincolnshire when twenty years old, and took up farming with his brother, hunting regularly with the Brocklesby ever since.

Mr. Lowish married in 1892 the daughter of Mr. Robert Walker, of Grand National fame, who for the past half-a-century has been a notable personality in Lincolnshire.

Of Mr. Lowish's horses, mention should be made of The Sinner, by Salvation, who was second in Lady Yarborough's Cup at Brocklesby in 1891, and afterwards won the United Hunt Plate at Louth. The following year he repeated the first-mentioned performance, and again won at Louth. In 1902, Mr. Lowish, after hunting him all the season, ran Mr. George Morris' Incense into first place in Lady Yarborough's Cup, one of his own mares, Lady Olive, being second. The following year, 1903, he ran Mr. W. Wood's Grand Daughter, which took first place in the Maiden Race at Brocklesby, and won at Market Rasen with Riby, belonging to the same gentleman, in 1904.

In 1899, Mr. Lowish purchased a horse called Cavill H., whom, after hunting for two seasons, he sold to Mr. John Brooks-Wood, who won a point-to-point race with him. This horse, which was small and not of very good manners, afterwards won many steeplechases in the colours of the last-named gentleman, Mr. H. Sydney, and the Hon. Douglas-Pennant during the years 1901-03. Mr. Lowish farms some 1,000 acres at Aylesby and Riby. He was formerly in the Earl of Yarborough's Light Horse for four years.



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MR. R. C. LOWISH.

In his professional wanderings about the world it has been CAPTAIN FREDERICK MORTIMER BARWICK's good fortune to gather a wide experience of many forms of sport. The son of Mr. Joseph Barwick, of Winchfield, Hampshire, where he was born in 1857, he was educated at Andover, privately, and subsequently entered The Royal Indian Marine.

Captain F. M. Barwick.

His earliest experiences in the saddle were gained at the famous Weyhill Training Stables, to which he had the entrée through Sir William Humphrey and Mr. Barnes, who were interested in

**Captain
F. M.
Barwick.**

them at that time; he soon afterwards began to hunt, following the Garth and "H.H." Captain Barwick has seen much service, for the most part savage warfare. His first experience of active



Photo by Elliott and Fry. CAPTAIN F. M. BARWICK.

service was obtained in subjugating the natives of the Andaman Islands. In 1889 he was engaged in the exploration of the upper reaches of the Irrawady, for which he was afterwards made a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He took part in the Chin-Lushai Expedition of 1890, receiving the medal and clasp, and being mentioned in despatches. The following year he was with the Wuntho Expedition; he was again mentioned in despatches, and received the Burmah Clasp. In 1891-92, Captain Barwick took part in the Manipur Expedition, was engaged in the operations in the Kachin Hills, and was again honourably mentioned. The year 1896 found him in East Africa with the Mombasa Field Force, fighting against the rebel chief M-baruk, for which he received the medal. He was next appointed Marine Transport Officer to the Suakin Force in Lord Kitchener's Nile Expedition, receiving for his services both the English and the

Khedive's Soudan medals. Captain Barwick has also been Port-Captain of Bombay, Rangoon, and Aden. When he was in Bombay he kept a couple of yachts, and also had a fair amount of hunting. In Burmah he bred and trained racing ponies, with which he won a number of events, including the Eclipse Stakes in 1889, the Palace Plate at Mandalay, and the Skewbo St. Leger in 1890. The best of his ponies was Scuttler, a five-year-old gelding; while at Aden also he was a keen supporter of the Naval Polo Team. His big-game shooting has included lions in Central Africa, tigers in India, and elephants in Burmah.



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Photo by Elliott and Fry. CAPTAIN BARWICK'S DAUGHTER.

In 1903, Captain Barwick retired with the rank of commander, came home to England, and settled in the Brocklesby country; he is now a keen follower of the Brocklesby Hounds. In 1898 he married Ethel, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Oriel Walton, of Wincanton, Somerset, and grand-daughter of Lord Cecil Gordon. Mr. Walton was a well-known sportsman with the Blackmore Vale, and one of the founders of the Compton Stud Company.

Joyce Evelyn Windham, the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Barwick, of Seartho Hall, Lincolnshire, was born on November 25th, 1902. She has had a season's cubbing with the Brocklesby, and is now an enthusiastic little follower of the hounds.

Captain Barwick is a golf player, a member of the Constitutional and the Royal Bombay Yacht Club, and lives at Seartho Hall, near Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

One of the younger generation of sportsmen in the Brocklesby country is Mr. HENRY LUKE JOHNSON BORMAN, of Barnoldby-le-Beck, who was born on December 15th, 1877, at Irby, the son of the late Mr. Joseph Borman, who, like his father before

him, Mr. Thomas Johnson Borman, was an ardent supporter of the chase. Their names are recorded in the hunting annals of North Lincolnshire. Educated at Malvern and Aldenham, he, in the year 1895, went to Streatley Hall, Cambridgeshire, and there learnt farming under the able tuition of Mr. Webb, who was himself a keen follower of hounds, and brother of another prominent Lincolnshire farmer, the late Mr. Jonas Webb. From Streatley, Mr. Borman hunted with the Newmarket and Thurlow, the Puckeridge, and East Essex. He was here for two years, and then put in four seasons with the Blankney. His father having died a few years before, Mr. Borman, in 1902, came back to his own estate, the Manor House, Barnoldby-le-Beck, and has since then hunted regularly with the Brocklesby.

Mr. H. L. J. Borman.

His best horses are Calabash, Owersby and Eric, by Atheling—Claret Wine, who won the Blankney Point-to-Point in the year 1902. Mr. Borman is fond of cricket and tennis, is a member of the Grimsby and County Club, and is unmarried.



Mr. A. Borrill.

One of the largest tenants on the Earl of Yarborough's estate is MR. ARTHUR BORRILL, of Keelby Grange, who is a cattle breeder in

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MR. A. BORRILL.

an extensive way of business. Born in 1870 at Keelby, he has been connected with the Brocklesby all his life, both as a keen follower of the hounds and as an eminently successful walker of puppies, for which he has won prizes of plate at the shows.

Mr. Borrill trains his own hunters. He was one of the fortunate few who were in at the finish of the great Bradley Wood run; he was then riding a horse—Aimwell—who, in his opinion, was the best hunter he ever owned. Two others are worthy of mention, still going and well known amongst Brocklesby followers, namely, High River and Keelby Grange. The former, a

four-year-old, is by Ohio Garonne, who ran into second place at Wetherby in 1907. The general opinion on that occasion was that he won easily. The first time he was out he came in third at Southwell in a field of thirteen. Keelby Grange, whom he also trains, is by Carlton Grange, by Carlton.



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MR. R. BROOKS.

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MR. ROBERT BROOKS, J.P. for the Lindsey Division of Lincolnshire, is the only surviving son of the late Mr. John Brooks, of Wootton, near Brigg. He was born at East Holton in 1836, and is a member of one of the oldest families who have followed the Brocklesby for generations. He has hunted for sixty-two seasons, and was blooded by the famous Will Smith, in February, 1845, the season in which Smith met with his fatal accident. One of his best horses was Glamis, by Barcaldine—Incognita, who won Lady Yarborough's Cup in 1891. Mr. Brooks has hunted with five generations of the Earls of Yarborough, and under the following huntsmen: Will Smith I., Will Smith II., Tom Smith III., Philip Tocock, Nimrod Long, Will Dale, Alfred Thatcher, George Ash, and Jim Smith.

In 1876, Victoria, Lady Yarborough presented him with a cup for walking the best bitch hound, Dorcas. Until six years ago he was interested in agriculture, and lives at Little Laceby, Lincolnshire.

Mr. S. H. Chambers.

One of several followers of the Brocklesby Hunt who reside in Grimsby, Mr. SYDNEY HERBERT CHAMBERS is well known, and considered a very straight rider. He was born in August, 1869, son of the late Mr. Sydney Chambers, in the parish of Ecclesfield, Yorkshire, who, though not himself a hunting man, came of an old sporting stock.

On completing his education at Matlock, Mr. Chambers entered business. For about ten years or so, although he had previously been taught to ride at home, Mr. Chambers was scarcely ever in the saddle. In 1898, however, some few years after he had started business at Grimsby, he took up hunting, and has since become prominently associated with the Brocklesby Hunt. With three hunters in his stable, he averages two days a week. His best horse, Joe, is regarded as one of the cleverest performers over fences in the Hunt. Another good animal he owns is Lady Andrew (bred by himself), by Lord Yarborough's St. Andrew, out of a Cleveland mare.



MR. S. H. CHAMBERS.

Mr. Chambers has taken part in several good runs, and, even when the field is small, he is generally out. On one occasion, on December 21st, 1907, hounds found at Wybers, and ran through Great Coates into the Marshes, close to the paper works. Here the fox went down a drain, after a very sharp run of half an hour. After being dislodged by a terrier, he ran again through Great Coates to Healing, Stallingborough, and turned sharp to the right, towards the Marshes, within one mile of Grimsby. Reynard saved his skin owing to darkness; hounds were whipped off after running about fourteen miles.

Mr. Chambers shares some shooting at Legsby, and enjoys a little golf. He is a member of the Grimsby Cleethorpes Golf Club. He married Miss Lee, of Retford, daughter of the late George Lee, of the very old established firm of tanners, and they live at "Rufford," Lambert Road West, Grimsby.

Mrs. W. Clarke.

Mrs. W. CLARKE, the eldest daughter of Mr. Cook Houldershaw, was born at Lynwood, Market Rasen, and as a child she followed the Burton on her pony. In 1890 she married Mr. W. Clarke, of Bimbrooke Manor, Bimbrooke, and has since been a consistent follower of the Southwold and the Brocklesby. She is well known with both packs on her favourite hunters, Verdict and Tommy Atkins.



Mr. T. Coates.

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Mr. THOMAS COATES, J.P., of Waltham House, Waltham, Grimsby, the son of the late Mr. Thomas Coates, was born at Beelsby in 1845. He has always followed the Brocklesby, and began as a boy, riding youngsters of his father's breeding. He has bred some good hunters himself, one of the best being Harmony, who won Lady Yarborough's Cup about twenty years ago.

Ten years ago he retired, with the rank of major, from the Royal Rifle V.B. Lincolnshire Regiment, in which he had served for twenty years.

Mr. Coates is interested in farming, and has lately been elected starter for the Brocklesby Hunt Races.

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Major H. H. A. Errington-Josse.

MR. GEORGE EDWIN COLLINS, of Caistor, Lincolnshire, and Oakville, Gravesend, Kent, is well known as "Nimrod, Junior," the author of numerous works and articles on sport, chief among which are the *History of the Brocklesby Hounds*; *The Brocklesby Hound Lists, 1716-1903*; *The History of Foxhunting in Lincolnshire*; *The Foxhounds of Lincolnshire*, and *Lincolnshire Agriculture*, in the *Victoria County History*; *Tales of Pink and Silk*; and a great number of articles in *Badminton*, *Baily's*, *Fores'*, *Fry's*, and other magazines. To Mr. Collins' works, which deal with hunting in Lincolnshire, we owe much of the detail in connection with the history of the Brocklesby.

Mr. G. E.
Collins.

The son of Mr. George E. Collins, of Oakville, Gravesend, Kent, he was born on May 13th, 1867, and educated privately. After studying architecture as an articled pupil, and as a student at the Royal Academy of Arts, in Burlington Street, he subsequently learned farming on three of the big Lincolnshire farms, and ultimately drifted into sporting and agricultural journalism.

He first began hunting in 1890-91, and, although so closely associated with the Brocklesby, has followed many other packs, including the Duke of Beaufort's, the Badsworth, the Holderness, the Burton, Mr. Ewbank's, Lord Galway's, Lord Fitzwilliam's, the Pytchley, the Southwold, the Surrey Union, the Warwickshire, the Surrey Staghounds, the Ynysfor, and others.

Mr. Collins has had many good horses, but his favourites were Brixworth, a bay mare, with silver mane and tail, from the Duballow country; Mavis Clare, a thoroughbred mare by Prince Hampton—Miss Athol, by Blair Athol; a chestnut mare, Geisha; and a bay mare, Dorothy, both the latter being purchased from the late Mr. A. J. Brown.

During the latter part of the season of 1904-05, owing to an accident to the huntsman and second whip, Mr. Collins acted as honorary whipper-in.

Previous to 1891, he played a great deal of cricket in the south of England, and was a member of the Surrey County, Eastbourne, Greenhithe, Burlington Wanderers, and the Old Danehillian Clubs, and for many years he captained the Brocklesby Hunt C.C. He is fond of tennis, and has played in matches for the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Golf Club, for which he has acted as Honorary Secretary at the Comty Meeting at Cleethorpes.

Son of the late Mr. H. A. Josse, M.P., J.P., of Caen, France, MAJOR ERRINGTON-JOSSE was born at York in 1866, and was educated at Harrow, Heidelberg, and Jesus, Cambridge. He studied political economy at Heidelberg under Professor Ihne Felseck, who was tutor on this subject to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. While in Germany, Major Errington-Josse frequently rode in steeplechases, chiefly the military events at Karlsruhe and Mannheim, riding a winner at the latter place in 1883. He also took up rowing, and was stroke of the Champion Junior Four of the Rhine in the same year.

Major
Errington-
Josse.

After two years in Germany, he went to Cambridge, where he hunted with the Oakley, Whaddon Chase, and the Woodland Pytchley, and took part in the races at Cottenham. In 1881 he joined the Cambridge University Rifle Volunteers, and since then has been actively associated with the Volunteer Force and the present Territorial Army. In 1888 he joined what is now the 3rd North Midland Brigade of Royal Field Artillery as second lieutenant, and now holds the rank of captain and hon. major. The previous year he had married Marie Lucy, daughter of Monsieur Lucien Worms, of Paris. He has one daughter, Marie Lucie Louisa Sephora, born in 1888.

In 1904 he qualified as interpreter in French to the Regular Army. He joined Paget's Horse in 1900, and went out to the South African War, returning in 1901, when, in recognition of his services, he was presented with a cup by the inhabitants of Grimsby.

Major Errington-Josse has hunted all his life. He was blooded with the Brocklesby, and



MR. G. E. COLLINS.

**Major
Errington-
Josse.**

both his wife and daughter were at one time regular followers of these hounds. For many years he lived at Becklands, Barnoldby-le-Beck. In 1893 he came to reside at Beechfield, Grimsby.

When living at Barnoldby, in 1900, he hunted with his own pack, the Becklands Harriers. After two or three seasons he sold them, the greater part of the pack going to Ireland. He has also hunted in France, with the boarhounds, and in 1890 was Joint-Master, for one season, with Viscount Du Pont du Gault-Saussines, at Arcachon. The Southwold, Earl Fitzwilliam's, the Grafton, and the Holderness have afforded the Major good sport.

Major Errington-Josse has owned many good horses, including one or two steeplechasers. He considers Regal, Fim, and a grey gelding, Mandarin, as among the best, while his nineteen-year-old mare Gold is still with him.

Among other sporting pursuits, he was an enthusiastic breeder of terriers about twenty years ago, and is thinking of starting again. When in Western Australia, in 1896, he went in for racing and polo, which he has also played at Cambridge and in South Africa. He has a boat on the Seine, in Paris. He has done a good deal of shooting, both in this country and in France, and is a member of the Travellers', Grimsby, and County Clubs, and the Automobile, Paris, in which city he also has a house, in the Avenue Niel.

**Mr. W. D.
Field.**

MR. WILLIAM DAVID FIELD, J.P., of Laceby House, Laceby, Lincolnshire, was born in 1847 at Laceby, where his family have lived for over two hundred years. He was educated at Bromsgrove, and Clare, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. in 1870. He first began hunting with his father's harriers, and when at the University ran with the Trinity Beagles. His best hunter was a chestnut mare by Lancer, who carried him, with the Brocklesby, for seven or eight seasons. He is interested in farming, particularly in the breeding of Lincolnshire red shorthorns.

**The
Brothers
Foster.**

The three sons of the late Mr. Leonard Foster, of Kirklington Hall, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, and Thorne Hall, Doncaster, at which latter seat they reside, are keen sportsmen. The eldest, MR. JOHN BENTLEY FOSTER, was born on May 6th, 1882, and his two brothers, MR. PHIPPS



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THE BROTHERS FOSTER.

BENTLEY FOSTER and MR. GORDON FOSTER, were born respectively on August 7th, 1883, and June 10th, 1885.

After spending some time at a preparatory school at Brighton, Mr. J. B. Foster went to Eton, and afterwards to Hertford College, Oxford; he rode for his University against Cambridge. Since leaving Oxford he has hunted regularly with the Grove and Brocklesby. His successes in the steeplechasing world have brought him fame. Lady Yarborough's Cup has fallen to him twice, in 1907 with his own horse Eastertide, by Aldershot—Blind Lily, and in 1908 with his brother's—Mr. Gordon Foster—St. Martin. This year also he won the Brocklesby Open Steeplechase with Mr. P. B. Foster's Wolvecote. Mr. Foster is a member of the Cocoa Tree Club, St. James's, S.W., and the Bullingdon, Oxford. He is a lieutenant in the Yorkshire Dragoons Imperial Yeomanry.

It is more with racing than hunting that Mr. P. B. Foster's name is associated. He is probably one of the youngest owners with horses in training. Beginning to ride as a youngster of six, whilst living at Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, he was blooded with his elder brother in 1890 with the South Notts. This pack, together with the Rufford, gave him occasional sport until 1898, when his family moved to Thorne Hall.

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Mr. P. B. Foster was educated at Uppingham and Hertford College, Oxford, and whilst at the University hunted with the Heythrop, Warwickshire, South Oxfordshire and Bicester. In 1906, on leaving the University, he took up hunting at home regularly, and now goes out with the Brocklesby, Badsworth, Grove and Holderness, averaging three days a week. Having about ten horses in training with Major Smith at Doncaster, and Greeve at Eastbury, his best is Precentor, who won the Haydock Park Summer Handicap in 1907. Of hunters his favourite is Shamrock Queen, by Brown Prince—Skip Away.

Mr. P. B. Foster is a member of the same clubs as his elder brother, and also indulges in shooting, fishing and motoring.

Mr. Gordon Foster, the youngest of the three brothers, was at Uppingham until 1904, after which he went to a crammer's in Norfolk for two years. He is now a constant follower of the Brocklesby, and is an officer in the Lincolnshire Yeomanry.

A narrative of the Brocklesby Hounds and country in which no mention was made of Mr. G. H. CATON HAIGH, of Grainsby Hall, would be incomplete. A lover of sport and a sportsman in the truest sense of the word, he has always proved himself one of the keenest preservers of foxes and upholders of the sport that the Brocklesby country can boast. Being one of the largest landowners in the Hunt, this means much, and his coverts such as Wyham Gorse, Hell Furze, Beesby Wood, Fenby Wood, Grainsby Healing, and Ashby Cottager's Plats are amongst the surest finds in the country.

**Mr. G. H. C.
Haigh.**

No follower of the Brocklesby Hounds sees more foxes accounted for than Mr. Haigh; he is always there or thereabouts when one is pulled down, yet his hunting is and always has been done on foot; but a perfect knowledge of his country, perfect condition and an instinctive idea as to the line his fox will take, brings him there, when many of the best and boldest riders fail.



MRS. C. B. HANKEY.

A true lover of hunting for hunting's sake, a first-class shot, a good cricketer and the best out-door naturalist in the county, his services in the interests of sport and all that this means to a country side, can never be forgotten by his many friends and neighbours.

Though essentially a farmers' Hunt, and for that reason lady members comparatively scarce, there are nevertheless a few keen lady followers of the Brocklesby Hounds. Amongst their number is Mrs. CECIL BARNARD HANKEY, the wife of the Earl of Yarborough's agent, who, being always at headquarters, living as she does in Brocklesby Park itself, has unique facilities. For the past eleven years Mr. and Mrs. Hankey have been at Brocklesby, during which time the latter has been a constant follower of the hounds. She pre-

**Mrs. C. B.
Hankey.**

viously hunted in Sussex, where her father, the late Mr. George Wilder, of Staunsted Park, kept his own pack of harriers.

Mrs. Hankey has an excellent hunter in Spider, by Gilderoy, who has carried her well for nine seasons.

MR. ARTHUR SEELS JOHNSON, of Sturton House, Scawby, Lincolnshire, has followed the Brocklesby and the Burton all his days. He was born in 1859. His grandfather and father

**Mr. A. S.
Johnson.**

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before him farmed at Scawby on the same estate as himself for one hundred years. He has bred many good hunters, one of the best of whom, Unionist, ridden by his owner, was second in the Brocklesby Point-to-Point, in a field of twenty-seven, and subsequently became the property of Mr. Tyrwhitt Drake. Two of his best days were—the Newsham Wood run, a twelve-mile point, and another from Kirton to Wildsworth-on-Trent, a nine-mile point, in Will Dale's time.

**MR. A. S. JOHNSON.**

In 1872 he had the honour of hunting with the King at Glentworth Hall, when His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, was staying with Mr. Henry Chaplin.

Well known as a consistent follower of the Brocklesby, with which pack he began to hunt as a child on a pony, Mr. GEORGE MARRIS has also a reputation in the country as a successful

breeder of hunters. He is a son of Mr. Robert Dudding Marris, one of the family of hunting farmers of that name so long associated with the Brocklesby country. He was born at Thoresway in 1852.

Among the many good hunters that Mr. Marris has bred are Stormcock, Silk, and Incense, both the latter winners of Lady Yarborough's Cup. White Wings was winner of several prizes, and third past the post, when ridden by Mr. C. Lowish, in the only Brocklesby Point-to-Point, which was over a big country from Barnoldby-le-Beck to Riby Cross Roads, near the scene of the first steeplechase on record. Camel was another good horse, which he rode for four or five seasons—he was the only one entered for the Southwold Point-to-Point from the Brocklesby contingent, but was engulfed by the River Bain when holding a good position; the race was won by Hallington, a well-known hunter with the Southwold, of Mr. Marris' breeding—a horse which the late Mr. Chris Robson always declared to be the best hunter that ever crossed the Southwold country. He has also bred a few thoroughbreds, of whom Beatrice, by Father Confessor, is his best. Almira has won several races, and her own sister, Murgis, proved a great success at the stud, producing MacMorrow and other winners; Caminada, also, who has won several steeplechases, is, in addition, a good hunter.

Mr. Marris married the only daughter of Mr. John Foster, a keen follower of the Bramham Moor. Their eldest daughter is a constant rider with the Brocklesby. All his life he has been farming. At one time Mr. Collins was his pupil. He is on the Council and a Steward of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, is a breeder of Lincoln red shorthorns and Lincoln long-wool sheep, the latter being almost as well known in South America as at home. Wrangler, the well-known stud hound sire, was, when a puppy, walked by him. He lives at Kirmington House, Kirmington, Lincolnshire.

*Photo by Elliott and Fry.***MR. G. MARRIS.****Captain the Hon. G. B. Portman.**

CAPTAIN THE HON. GERALD BERKELEY PORTMAN, the youngest son of Viscount Portman, was born at 22, Portman Square, in 1875, educated at Eton and Sandhurst, and joined the 10th Hussars in 1895. In 1899, on the outbreak of the South African War, he proceeded to the front with his regiment. Unfortunately, the termination of the voyage was disastrous, the transport being wrecked off the

north-west coast of Cape Colony with the loss of 300 horses, in addition to guns and a large amount of ammunition. Owing to the hardships and exposure incurred on this occasion, Captain Portman contracted pneumonia, and was invalided home in May the following year. In 1900 he went to India on Lord Curzon's staff, and while there had his fair share of polo and big-game shooting.

Captain Portman's initial experiences in the hunting field naturally took place with his father's pack in Dorsetshire, which he followed for several years. In 1902 he married Dorothy Marie Isalde, youngest daughter of the late Sir Robert Sheffield, of Normanby Park, Brigg, a well-known follower of the Burton in the days of Lord Henry Bentinck.

The Hon. Mrs. Portman is, like her sister, Lady Arthur Grosvenor, a keen sportswoman, and a very well-known figure with the Brocklesby on her favourite chestnut mare Heather Bell, or her bay gelding Comet.

Besides the Brocklesby, Captain Portman has also had occasional days with the Holderness, Southwold, Cottesmore and Cheshire, also some thirty-five other packs, as well as the Limerick, Meath, and Kildare when quartered in Ireland with his regiment. He favours the Irish-bred hunter, and among many good ones gives a brown gelding Searchlight first place. This horse carried him with Lord Portman's Hounds for three seasons. Another good mount was Sculptor, on whom he came in second in the 10th Hussars Subalterns' Cup in 1898. Charles, and a gelding by Tacitus, which latter was bought from Lord Dalmeny, were good horses over a country. Unionist was very well known in Dorsetshire; Lord Portman rode him for nine seasons, after which Captain Portman hunted him another three. He was a big horse, standing 16.3.

Healing Manor, where Captain Portman has been residing since 1902, has been the home of several good sportsmen—Mr. J. Maunsell Richardson, of Grand National fame, and also the Rev. Cecil Legard.

Captain Portman, who has ridden in many military points-to-points, unfortunately met with a serious accident, fracturing his skull, when taking part in the 10th Hussars Regimental Cup in 1897, which prevented him from riding again for many a long day.

He considers the best run in which he ever took part was with Lord Portman's pack, on January 16th, 1890, when hounds found at Harley, and killed at New Buildings, near Salisbury, a nine-mile point, and thirteen as hounds ran. He recently bought a horse from the late Mr. Hugh Owen, a six-year-old by Velasquez—Eileen; O'Meara, by Springfield—Mara, by Doncaster, he anticipates entering for Lady Yarborough's Cup.

Captain Portman is much interested in farming and in the breeding of Lincolnshire red cattle and sheep; is a life member of the Royal Agricultural Society, the Hunters' Improvement Society, the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, and the Lincolnshire Red Shorthorn Breeders' Association. He is very fond of shooting, and goes to Norway every year for salmon fishing.

MR. WILLIAM ROBSON, of Limber Hill, Lincolnshire, the son of Mr. William Drinkrow Robson, was born in 1849 at Normanby-by-Spittal, North Lincolnshire. He subsequently went to live at Worksop, where he had his first mount with Lord Galway's hounds in 1858, when Will Merry was huntsman. He spent five years learning farming with his uncle, Mr. C. Robson, of Topholme Hill, Mid Lincolnshire, who was then one of the best known followers of the Burton, and farmed over 2,000 acres, bred horses and trained his own hunters. He remembers being out with the Burton when His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, was one of the field. He left the country in the year that Colonel Chaplin took the Old Burton Hounds to Blankney, and

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called them by that name. Mr. Robson also recalls being out with the Blankney the first season Dawkins hunted them. He had a farm for some years at Claythorpe, when he followed the Southwold, and well remembers the late Mr. Foljambe—the Blind Squire—who went out with Lord Galway's and had a man to lead him. The late Mr. Foljambe sold his hounds to the late Lord Galway.

Later on, Mr. Robson took a farm at Utterby, and after spending eight years there with the Brocklesby, he moved to Limber Hill, but still remained faithful to the same Hunt, which he has followed for the last sixteen years. He farms over 500 acres, and Lingmoor Cover, also known as Sparrows' Clump, is on his farm. He has hunted with Mr. Tailby's hounds, the Pychley, and with most of the other Midland packs at different times, and once whipped in to the Hemplov Beagles. He looks upon John Peel, who carried him so well over the Southwold country for several seasons, as the best of his horses. A successful breeder of Lincoln reds since 1872, he has also won many prizes for black-breasted red game birds.

One of his most interesting memories is the excitement caused by the fight between Tom Sayers and the American, Heenan, probably the greatest battle the prize ring ever saw, which took place when Mr. Robson was eleven years old.

**Mr. T.
Sands.**

MR. THOMAS SANDS, who is engaged in farming near Grainsby, Lincolnshire, was born in 1860, and is the son of Mr. Thomas Sands, who still, although eighty-six years of age, follows the Brocklesby Hounds in a trap. Mr. T. Sands, junr., has hunted with the Brocklesby all his life, and occasionally with the Southwold. Among many good hunters which he has owned at different times, the best is the stallion Bonnet Box, on which he is mounted in the illustration, bred by himself, by Bonnet Rouge—Midget. This horse, which he has ridden for many seasons, in 1887 won Lady Yarborough's Cup at the Hunt meeting, and has also won altogether fifteen steeplechases with his owner in the saddle.



MR. T. SANDS ON BONNET BOX.

Mr. Sands has taken part in many good runs, and remembers an occasion when the Warwickshire Hounds, brought into the Brocklesby country, ran from Irby House to Great Coates. He breeds and shows trotting horses, and has won something like 150 prizes at the different shows. In greyhounds, too, he is much

interested; he bred Thoresby Belle, by Farndon Ferry—Grainsby Princess, which he sold to Sir William Ingram.

**Mr. C. R.
Stephen.**

MR. CECIL ROWLAND STEPHEN is the fifth son of His Honour the late Judge James Stephen, of the Lincolnshire County Courts, who died in 1894; he was a keen hunting man, like his cousin, the late Mr. Justice Stephen, of the King's Bench Division, well known in the legal world. The subject of these notes, Mr. C. R. Stephen, was born on March 12th, 1863, and introduced to the saddle at ten years of age, when living at Blackheath, in Kent. Three years later he was blooded by Will Dale, then huntsman of the Burton. Mr. Stephen, after completing his education in 1880, took up his residence with his father at Lincoln, and hunted during four seasons with the Burton. From London, whilst studying law, he followed occasionally Mr. Hetherington's scratch pack hunting near Enfield. In 1893 he came to Grimsby to live, and from that date has hunted fairly regularly three days a week during the season with the Brocklesby. The best horse now in his stable is Sloc Gin.

In 1895, Mr. Stephen married Catherine, daughter of Mr. William Mason, J.P., of Keddington, and they have two children, a son and a daughter, of whom the latter has already been blooded with the Brocklesby. Mr. Stephen is the Registrar of the Grimsby County Court and District

Registrar of the High Court. An all-round sportsman, he is particularly keen on golf. He is President of the Grimsby and County Club, and a member of the Sports' Club, St. James's, and the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Golf Club. His energies in the cause of the abolition of wire in the Brocklesby country are indefatigable, and he is the sole active member of the Wire Committee originally consisting of Messrs. J. M. Richardson, H. E. Davy, and C. R. Stephen. Since 1900, Mr. Stephen has lived at Great Coates House, Great Coates.

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Stephen.**

Born on July 2nd, 1865, Mr. TOM SUTCLIFFE, of Stallingborough Manor, is the youngest son of the late Mr. John Sutcliffe, of Stallingborough, who founded the large firm of J. Sutcliffe and Son, Shipping Agents, Grimsby, Lincolnshire. His mother was formerly a Miss Fowler, who came of an old Yorkshire family.

**Mr. T.
Sutcliffe.**

Mr. Tom Sutcliffe, who had been introduced to the saddle at a very tender age, was blooded by Nimrod Long in 1871. On that occasion the meet was at Laceby Cross Roads, and hounds killed at Irby Holme. His education took place at Haileybury and afterwards at Pembroke College, Oxford, where, during the one year of his residence he took up rowing. A few years abroad with private tutors in Germany and France followed, and so keen on hunting was he at this time, that in the seasons 1881-85 and 1885-86, he came home to hunt with the Brocklesby. In January, 1887, Mr. Sutcliffe joined his father's business, and settling down at Stallingborough, has ever since hunted every season with the Brocklesby. He is, in fact, about the best known member of the Hunt, if exception is made of older members, such as the Messrs. Coates, Mr. Robert Brooks, and a few others.

Of the many excellent hunters whom Mr. Sutcliffe has owned, the first was The Parson, bought from the Rev. Cecil Legard. Tulip, by Tunis, bred by Mr. Wood, of Habrough, was another good mare. He purchased a thoroughbred horse from Mr. W. B. Swallow named Fritz, by Quits, dam by M.D. On this horse he enjoyed the best run of his career. Hounds found at Petrell's Covert, Wold Newton, on Friday, November 13th, 1891, and ran in 1 hour 35 minutes to Scartho Bank, and back to Bradley Wood, where they killed. Dale was carrying the horn, and Mr. Sutcliffe, Captain Pretymann, and Mr. T. Sands were the only members who saw him enter the wood. His Silk, by Special Pleader, dam by Hesper, won Lady Yarborough's Cup at the Brocklesby Meeting, 1895. Gay Lord won for him six steeplechases out of seven tries as a four-year-old, and ended by winning the Maiden Erlegh Cup in 1903. Gay Lord was by Llanthony—My Honey, and was trained by the late Mr. Garrett Moore, of Winchester.

Mr. Sutcliffe interests himself in the breeding of hunters, and in this direction has had some successes, the best perhaps having been Bondsman, by Tally-Ho—Tulip, sold to Lord Yarborough. Our illustration of Mr. Sutcliffe shows him mounted on Straight Stick, by The Stick, who was by Castlereagh. He is a member of the Conservative and Isthmian Clubs, London; Sandown Park Racing Club; and the Grimsby and County Club.

In 1849, when the late Prince Consort went into the Brocklesby country to open the docks at Grimsby it is recorded that he was particularly struck with the fine class of the farmers there, and the fact that at a meet of the Brocklesby pack which he attended, some forty or fifty of them rode in "pink." Remarking on this fact to the second Earl of Yarborough, he asked where he got such tenants from. "I don't get them; I breed them," was the reply. "When a

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Swallow.**



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tenant dies his son gets the farm." Of such a grand old commoner stock is Mr. WILLIAM BURKILL SWALLOW. The son of the late Mr. William Swallow, he was born near Wootton in 1869, and comes of a hunting family on both sides, the Swallows having been associated with the Brocklesby Hunt for many generations. Indeed, our subject's uncle, the late Mr. Joseph Swallow, who hunted with the pack two or three days a week, was famous for the long distances he travelled from Horkstow to the meets. The father of the subject of these notes, Mr. W. Swallow, was also a keen lover of the sport, and hunted much with the late Lord Yarborough, of whose regiment, the 1st Lincolnshire Light Horse Volunteers, he was adjutant.

Mr. Swallow is one of the largest holders of land from the present Lord Yarborough, farming some 1,100 acres. Beginning to follow hounds when six years of age, he has ridden regularly ever since. Much interested in the breeding of hunters, he has turned out many first-class animals. A large number are the produce of that good brood mare, Beatrice, which he obtained from Lord Yarborough in 1898, after she had carried Will Dale for eight seasons. Among other successes, this mare has won the first prize for heavy-weight brood mares at the Yorkshire Show upon four occasions. Her first foal, Alpha, won at the Hunters' Improvement Show in 1908, and was subsequently sold to Mr. David Davies. Mr. Swallow considers that Tugela, now eight years old, is her best foal. She is a brown filly of great make, and has carried off many prizes at leading shows. Besides the making and breeding of hunters, Mr. Swallow is much interested in the Lincoln long-wool sheep and Lincoln red shorthorn cattle. He has exported much stock to the Argentine during the last thirty-five years, besides taking a number of prizes at various shows in this country.

One of the best hunters he ever owned was, previous to carrying him nine seasons, ridden by his uncle, Mr. G. Swallow, for six years; his name was Robin Hood, and he was by The Unknown. Mr. Swallow lives at Wootton Lawn, Uleaby, which has been an annual fixture for the Brocklesby during the last thirty years.

Mr. J.
Tonge.

MR. JOHN TONGE, the son of Mr. R. J. Tonge, has been a follower of the Brocklesby for the last twenty years. He began to study law at an early age, passing with honours in 1886, and now practises at Grimsby. Three of his best hunters were the chestnut mare Fidget; a bay gelding,

Lord Westholme; and a bay mare Coquette. He was in the historic Bradley Wood run, and the following season was one of the three who landed over the Buck Brook. He is keenly interested in volunteering, and is a major in the 1st North Midland Brigade of Royal Field Artillery. He belongs to the Grimsby and County Club, and lives at 7, Abbey Drive, East Grimsby.



Mr.
J. H. J.
Webb.

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MR. J. H. J. WEBB.

One of the most prominent followers of the Brocklesby amongst the younger generation is Mr. JOHN HENRY JONAS WEBB, of Melton Ross, Lincolnshire, who was born on March 14th, 1874, second son of the late Mr. Jonas Webb, who was also a hunting man. Beginning to hunt with his native pack at the age of twelve, he was blooded by Will Dale, then huntsman to Lord Yarborough.

He was educated at Malvern College, where he was a member of the cricket eleven, which in 1892 was composed of boys who have since won fame for themselves at the game. On leaving Malvern, he proceeded to Pembroke College, Cambridge, taking his B.A. degree in 1895. He then came home to Melton Ross, and lived with his father till the latter's death in 1906. For the past dozen years or so, Mr. Webb has hunted regularly two or three days a week with the

Brocklesby, having previously followed the same pack during holidays and vacations from school and university. He also puts in an occasional day with the Burton and Southwold, and is, moreover, a keen shot.

Mr. J. H. J. Webb.

Mr. Webb lives with his mother, brother, and sister, at Melton Ross. He is in the Nottinghamshire Territorial Force, and is a member of the Grimsby and County Club. Our illustration is of Mr. Webb on Bellman.

Descended from an old sporting family, Mr. HARRY WIGFULL is the son of Mr. Richard Wigfull, of Sheffield, and Killingholme Manor. Born in 1879, he saw his first fox killed by the Bramham Moor, and has hunted since his schooldays principally with the Fitzwilliam and Brocklesby, and occasionally with the adjoining packs.

Mr. H. Wigfull.

In 1904, Mr. Wigfull married Lilian, only daughter of Mr. John Swales, of Uleeby Grange. A keen man to hounds, Mr. Swales was unfortunately killed in the hunting field while following the Brocklesby. The year after his marriage saw Mr. Wigfull whipping-in Major Allott's Beagles at Louth, and the following season he started a pack of his own at Keelby, but subsequently gave them up owing to ill-health.

Among the best of his horses were Dancing Girl, by Royal Love, a grey mare, hunted with the Fitzwilliam, and a chestnut mare by Rufus. The last-named was doubtless the best of the bunch, no fence being too big and no day too long for her. Mr. Wigfull parted with her to the Earl of Yarborough, who still has her at stud. Another smart animal, a pony under 14.2, carried him through one season with the Brocklesby. She was always in the first flight, and at the end of the season ran second and third in hurdle races.

Mr. Wigfull takes great interest in boxing and long-distance running. He is interested in the breeding and showing of the old English game fowl, and hopes to succeed in restoring the true stamp known to our forefathers, quite a different bird to those shown as old English game to-day.

A patron of the leash, he has been a coursing man all his life, and in his kennels at Keelby are some useful saplings possessing Waterloo blood.

In the accompanying photograph Mr. Wigfull is depicted mounted on Musketeer, by the Earl of Yarborough's St. Andrew. He is a bold, resolute horse and a good hunter.

Mr. Wigfull's young daughter, who made her first appearance with the Brocklesby in the season 1907-08, promises to follow the excellent example of her father.



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. H. WIGFULL.

Concerning the prowess of Mr. Charles Wilson and Mr. R. C. Lowish, the opinion of "Nimrod," junr., is worth quoting. He says: "Both are fine horsemen, and both have a wonderful way of smuggling a young horse over a country. On a made horse they are generally to be found close in the wake of the hounds when they run fast and far, and even when riding a youngster they manage, by judicious riding, to see most of the fun."

Mr. C. Wilson.

Mr. CHARLES WILSON comes of a Yorkshire family, and was born on January 28th, 1868, the eldest son of the late Mr. James Wilson, who then resided in the Badsworth country. The family were originally Quakers.

Mr. Wilson did not begin hunting until he was fifteen years old, but from that time until he attained his majority he regularly followed the Badsworth. At the age of twenty-two he married Catherine Anne, daughter of the late Mr. Andrew John Brown, and took up his residence at Audleby, where he managed the estate of his father-in-law, who was engaged in extensive farming operations; he became a regular follower of the Brocklesby. The making of his father-in-law's

**Mr. C.
Wilson.**

horses occupied much of Mr. Wilson's time, as many as thirty horses passing through his hands, on the average, every season, and sometimes over 200. Several of these horses, for which he had been responsible, fetched prices at private sales ranging from £300 to £500. Mr. Wilson has shown all over the country at one time and another, and as an expert on the points of a hunter, perhaps, there is no better judge in Lincolnshire. He trained Mullatto, who won big races at

Retford and Brocklesby, and also Life Buoy, by Help

Miss Gantly, who, after winning at Towcester, became Mr. H. J. Cove's property at £300.

Mr. Wilson won the Grimsby Plate of the Brocklesby Meeting with Dublin. He had a half-share with Mr. H. J. Cove in Lifeboat, by Help Marabella, who won six races straight off two each at Market Rasen and Louth, and one each at Retford and Loughborough. Lifeboat was one of the finest young steeplechasers in his country, and in Mr. Wilson's opinion, undoubtedly the best hunter he ever mounted.

Since the death of Mr. A. J. Brown, on October 17th, 1906, Mr. Wilson has lived at Kettleby Thorpe Manor, Brigg, and has about eight horses going every season.

Mrs. Wilson hunted sixteen seasons, and, with the Brocklesby, rode twenty of Mr. Brown's horses in one season; and of her three daughters, the youngest

(aged 7) has already learnt the initial lessons of the sport. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Grimsby and County Club.



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MR. C. WILSON.

**Mr. W.
Wood.**

Mr. WILLIAM WOOD was born in 1866, at Habrough, where his father came to farm, under Lord Yarborough, in 1844. Mr. Wood is still one of his tenants, farming some 1,400 acres. He has bred and owned several good steeplechasers and hunters. He is a member of the "Royal," and on the Council of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, and lives at Habrough, Lincolnshire.

THE SOUTHWOLD.

THIS country is one-fourth pasture and three-fourths plough, but the plough is light, the fences are fair, and the fields large. There is usually a ditch on one side of every fence; and there is plenty of timber. On the Wolds the plough is light, and the fences are easy. Round Ashby and Horncastle the country is chiefly grass with small fields and strong hedges. To the lover of nature it is there all pastoral sweetness, and to the sportsman, good going.

In the Monday or Louth country the local sportsman apply the term *Wolds* only to the open and undulating country on either side of the road from Louth to Horncastle. Horncastle, four miles from the kennel at Bletchford, is within riding distance of all the meets, the chief of which are Tothill, Burwell, Belchford, Kenwick, Elkington, Tathwell, and Witheall.

“Gelert” (1849) speaks of the country between Louth and Alford, the Middle Marsh, as wanting only a few coverts to make it superb.

Horncastle is in the centre of the Tuesday country, the best meets being Fulletby, West Ashby, Winceby (where Cromwell was wounded, and the gallant Captain Hopton killed in the Civil War), Revesby, Tumby Gate, Tower-on-Moor, and Wispington. The Thursday or Hainton country is in the north. The chief meets are Hainton, Domington Hill, Willingham Top, Girsby, North Willingham, and Legsby. On Saturdays they hunt the Spilsby country, which is bounded on the south and west by marsh and fen, now quite rideable to those who know the bridges over main drains.

North and west, their chief meets are Mavis Enderby, Harrington, Langton, Somersby in the Tennyson country, Ormsby, Ulceby, and Gunby Cross Roads, Well and Claxby.

In 1849 the “Favourite Fixtures” were: Hainton, Haugh, Tothill, Well, Brackenbury Bar, Doverdale, Martin, Burgh-on-Bain, and Mason’s Arms.

There was very little hunting in the Southwold country until the early part of the present century. From memoranda in the possession of Mr. Sewell, of Legbourne, it appears that the Brocklesby hunted the country for only about two months in each season from kennels at Kelsby prior to 1785. From that date up to 1820 the country appears to have been hunted at intervals by trencher-fed harriers; these were called “The Gillingham Hounds” from 1820 to 1822, and were kept by Mr. Brackenbury at Scremby. In 1823 the Honourable George Pelham took charge; he lived at Legbourne and kept the hounds in a barn near by. The Committee removed them to kennels in Hundleby, in 1825, and in the following year Lord Kintore hunted the country for one year (for whom see Old Berkshire Hunt); a Mr. Joseph Brackenbury had the hounds a season or two at Hundleby. The successive Masters were as follows:—Sir Richard Sutton (see Quorn), 1829–30; Captain Freeman, 1831–32; Mr. Parker, 1833–34–35; Mr. Healey, 1835–41; Mr. Musters (see Lord Harrington’s Hunt), from 1841 to 1843; Mr. Hellier (see N. Warwickshire) with kennels at Harrington, from 1840 to 1852; Mr. Healey Greaves (see Old Berkshire), 1853; Mr. Cooke from 1853 to April, 1857, with kennels at Horncastle.

In the year 1857 a Committee was appointed, who bought drafts from Lords Middleton and Yarborough and some couples from Colonel Anstruther Thomson, then giving up the Pytchley. This formed the foundation of the present pack. Kennels were built near Belchford, a cold, bleak situation but healthy for hounds, houses for huntsmen and whips being added, and here they remain to the present day. The Committee managed the country, some coverts were planted and very fair sport was shown for nearly twenty years, the average expenditure being under £2,000 per annum. During their *régime* some good drafts were got from Mr. Meynell Ingram, and a certain number of hounds bred, principally from the Earl of Yarborough’s and Lord H. Bentinck’s sires. In 1876, matters having got into somewhat of a bad state, and the hounds much deteriorated, Mr. Crowder became

Master; he got a draft of young hounds from Mr. Foljambe and improved the pack. It was far from good when Mr. E. Preston Rawnsley succeeded him in 1880, and he had to obtain drafts of young hounds, principally from Mr. Rolleston (who then had the South Nottinghamshire), the Holderness, and Mr. Foljambe. In 1883, however, a home-bred entry was put on, which method has continued for the most part since that date; during the last few years, in fact, the entries have been very large, many more excellent walks for puppies having been volunteered, so that some seventy couples can now be yearly sent out, and they are remarkably well done. Great care has been taken to breed only from hounds and strains exceptionally good in work; in fact, the pack now is full of nose, tongue and drive, the three essentials for successfully hunting a fox in the Southwold Country.

Among the well-known followers of the Southwold in 1880, we may note Lord Heneage; Captain W. Fox; Messrs. W. Emerie; W. Hyde; F. Fawcett; R. Chaplin, from Louth; T. Dallas-Yorke, from Walmsgate; L. Burton, of Somersby; F. Dymoke, of Scrivelsby; Reverend E. Rawnsley, of Raithby; G. Walker; F. W. Thimbleby, from Spilsby; Soulby, from Alford; G. Eddy; T. Bond; J. Eve; G. Oliver; E. Davy; Smith, of Tathwell; G. S. Clarke, of Stainsby; T. Allenby; and W. Garfit.

The Secretaryship of the Hunt has been held by members of the Walker family since 1811. The accompanying portrait is of Mr. George Walker, son of the first Secretary, and a popular member of the Hunt; he was presented with his portrait, which we here reproduce by the permission of Major G. Walker, the present Secretary.

"Hainton," Lord Heneage's place, has been the starting point of more good runs than any in the country.

January, 1881, hounds found a fox in the gorse, ran up to the gardens and down the village street, then by the Duck Pond and Sixhills down to the North Willingham coverts, straight through them and across to Claxby Wood without a pause, along the hill-side to the railway, where they turned down-hill into the low country for a mile, then up the hill again, over the valley nearly to the High Street, took a short turn round, and running from scent to view, killed close to Nettleton.



MR. GEORGE WALKER.

Again, a few years later, at the end of October, after a hard morning among cubs, they found in the New Pond, ran over Hainton, South Willingham, Benniworth, Market Stainton, Ranby, Hemingby, West Ashby, and Fulletby, killing their fox on the Fulletby and Horncastle Road.

January, 1905, saw a very good run from Hainton Gorse by Croppers Gorse to Norwood, all round Linwood and Park Wood, back through Norwood, over North Willingham and Walesby to Claxby Wood and back to Walesby, where they killed. In October, 1906, they found at Thorney Hill near Sixhills, ran over that parish to the top of North Willingham, Tealby, Kirmond, Hainton-le-Vale, Thorganby, nearly to Roxton gorse, turned past Croxby village on right and ran into the fox within a field of Croxby Ponds. A very fine Wold run was that of January, 1899, when hounds met at Towse, and finding directly in the long cover at Binbrock Hill, slipped all the field and ran very fast over Binbrock, Kirmond, Tealby, Otby, Normanby, crossed the High Street on Caistor site of Normanby Chimp (nearly to Roxton gorse), then over Thorganby, Smithfield Lane and Orford, back to Binbrock, and lost; only the Master and the first whip, C. Gillson, with one attendant, saw most of this fine run.

From the smallness of the population and absence of anything like large villages, foxes have every chance for making long points, and there are few countries in England so free from railways, rivers, or canals. Foxes, too, are as a rule very well preserved, and a blank day a very rare occurrence, while those who come out are nearly all sportsmen, and both able and willing to assist sport in every way.

There is a good deal of plough in the country and in parts of it a great many hares, which on bad scenting days bother hounds considerably; if not, however, made sticky by catches of frost, the plough carries a good scent, and hounds, being used to it, can often carry a surprising lead over it.

but with frost, scent is reduced to a minimum and the fox gets the best of it ; all round, however, it is a very sporting country, and an excellent one for lovers of hound-work, fields affording good views, being large, and fences well kept and trimmed ; a very well-bred horse, however, is an essential, especially on the Wolds.

THE HON. GEORGE PELHAM was second son of H. Charles Anderson, first Baron Yarborough, and was born September 15th, 1785, and represented Grimsby in Parliament. He was addicted to sport rather than politics, as was his brother, who was created Baron Worsley and first Earl of Yarborough in 1837. According to Mr. George Collins, the Hon. George was somewhat of a character, and one of his sayings was that "he wished he had been tenting pigs in Harborough Field when his brother was born," meaning that had he been so employed at the time of his brother's birth, he, George Pelham, would have been the eldest son and heir to the title and estate. Another saying in connection with his brother was : "My brother, Lord Yarborough, is all right at pulley-hauling on a yacht, but he can't say 'Yoi over, boys,' like me."

The Hon.
G. Pelham.

Master of the Southwold from 1823, we are not quite informed as to whether Mr. George Pelham took over the originally trencher-fed lot of hounds which hunted fox and hare indiscriminately or obtained a draft from the celebrated Brocklesby pack, which had been entered to fox alone. According to Mr. Collins, Mr. George Pelham once took out a horse dealer's licence, and a board to notify the fact was affixed to the outside of his house at Laceby. Doubtless this gratified his brother the Earl exceedingly ! He had a splendid stud of thoroughbreds and hunters, and was a notable rider on the flat, and in steeplechases. He served for a short period in the Army, but retiring early, devoted himself to sport, keeping a pack of harriers at Barnoldby, which were cordially cursed by old Will Smith, the Brocklesby huntsman, as they were far too familiar with his foxes.

Accepting the Mastership of the Southwold in 1823 it was during his tenure of office that the historical run of the pack occurred on March 9th, 1824. Meeting at Revesby, hounds found in Horstham Wood, whence they forced him towards Scrivelsby, through Haltham, and crossing the Bain, skirted the village of Roughton and ran nearly to Well Syke. Thence to High Hall Wood, over the moor towards the Tower, and through Bracken Wood and Halsted Wood. Eventually, after running through no less than twenty-two lordships, this gallant fox was viewed and run into at Calcethorpe, after a run of three and a-half hours and a point of nearly seventeen miles.

MR. FREDERICK CROWDER, the predecessor of Mr. E. P. Rawnsley in the Mastership of the Southwold Hunt, is the second son of the late Mr. George Augustus Crowder, of Portland Place, London, W. He was born on October 8th, 1845. Mr. Crowder, senr., at that time had a house at Shinfield, in Berkshire, and it was in this neighbourhood that the subject of these notes had his first experience of hunting. He kept a small pack of beagles there for some years and had rare sport. He was educated at Rugby and Brasenose, Oxford, and whilst at the University hunted with the Bicester, South Oxfordshire, Heythrop and Old Berkshire, when Jack Treadwell, whom Mr. Crowder considers to have been one of the finest huntsmen he ever saw at work, carried the horn.

Mr. F.
Crowder
—Master,
1876-80.

In the seasons of 1866 and 1867, Mr. Crowder rowed for his University against Cambridge, winning both years, and he was also Captain of his College Boat Club, which had the distinction of being at the head of the river during his time. Leaving Oxford in 1871, he went to the Atherstone country, where he took a hunting box for one season, and then went to Ashbourne, in the Meynell country, where besides hunting with this pack, he kept a pack of harriers and hunted the Dove Valley country for five seasons. He built new kennels there and was succeeded by Colonel Fleming. In April, 1876, he accepted the vacant Mastership of the Southwold Hunt, which he retained for



MR. F. CROWDER.

**Mr. F.
Crowder.**

four seasons. During his first season he lived at the kennels, Belchford, and had as kennel huntsman Harry Rees, who was followed the next season by Haggar; George Morgan succeeded Haggar in 1878, and remained with Mr. Crowder during the remainder of his term of office. The fifty couples of hounds were sadly in need of improvement when the new Master took them over, and he was fortunate in acquiring the Blankney draft four seasons running. In addition to this, Mr. Crowder sent a good many bitches to the Blankney Vanquisher, and others to the Grove and Brocklesby.

A stretch of frost for eight weeks each in the last two seasons of his Mastership spoilt sport, but probably the best run he had was in the season of 1877, when hounds found at Jink's cover, and running through seventeen parishes, killed their fox in the open, in 1 hour and 25 minutes, making two points of seven miles each.

In 1877, Mr. Crowder married Alice, daughter of Mr. William Fanning, of "Bozedown," Pangbourne. He has been a keen shot all his life, and cricket has also been one of his favourite pastimes.

He is a member of the M.C.C. and the United Universities Club.

**Mr. E. P.
Rawnsley**
--present
Joint-
Master.

MR. EDWARD PRESTON RAWNSLEY, who has the distinction of having completed twenty-eight seasons as Master (single-handed twenty-three years, and jointly with Mr. J. St. V. Fox since 1902) and huntsman of the Southwold Hounds, was born on September 21st, 1851, at Raithby, in Lincolnshire, the son of the late Reverend E. Rawnsley, a keen hunting man.

The Rawnsleys were originally a Yorkshire family, but the great-grandfather of our subject came to Lincolnshire over a century ago, and since that time they have been prominent in sporting and social circles in that county. Beginning to hunt at six years old, Mr. Rawnsley was blooded by old Jack Morgan, and afterwards hunted with his father, on his pony, until 1864, when he went to Eton, where on the river he captained both the "*Dreadnought*" and the "*Prince of Wales*" in succeeding years; in the season of 1869 he whipped-in the College Beagles. From Brasenose, Oxford, where he went in the following year, he had sport with the Bicester, South Oxfordshire, Old Berkshire, and Heythrop, and yet found time to take his M.A. degree.

After leaving the University he joined his friend, Mr. Crowder, who was then Master of the Dove Valley Harriers in 1874, and two years later settled down in his native county at Raithby, where he lived with his father until 1890. For over thirty years Mr. Rawnsley has never missed a season's hunting with the Southwold. In 1880, on the resignation of Mr. F. Crowder, the Committee of the Southwold invited him to take the hounds, which offer he accepted, and for the first season C. Haggar officiated as huntsman. The Master himself, however, took over the horn in 1881, and has since that year never missed hunting the hounds himself, except for one month and three days, when he was incapacitated by a broken leg.

With a reputation for keeping his Hunt servants in his service, Mr. Rawnsley has at present Sidney Morris, who is in his third season, as first whip and kennel huntsman. Previously Charles Gillson, now huntsman to the Meynell, was with him for nine seasons, George Shepherd fifteen seasons, and F. Gosden twenty seasons as kennel huntsman. His best hounds at present are Tracer, by the Grafton President, and Dreamer, by the Brocklesby Wrangler.

Ten years after taking over the hounds, Mr. Rawnsley married Mary Louisa, widow of the late Captain J. W. Fox, of Girsby Manor, who had been several times Chairman of the Hunt Committee, and was a keen hunting man. Mr. Rawnsley then took up his residence at Girsby Manor until the marriage of his step-son, Mr. John St. Vigor Fox, in 1902, when he moved to Harrington Hall, his present headquarters. In this year Mr. Fox joined him in the Mastership, and this arrangement still successfully continues. The hounds go out four days a week, and Mr. Rawnsley has always been loud in his praises for his supporters, who trouble him with practically no wire, but supply plenty of foxes. In the season 1907-08 he killed fifty brace, and ran to ground thirty-three brace.

Keeping a stud of over twenty hunters in his stables in the season, he considers the best was Blackbird, an Irish-bred horse, whom he rode for twelve seasons without a fall. Blackbird made himself conspicuous by the fact that he always kicked when the horn was blown over him. Peacock, by Belleville, and Wedding Cake, by Bondsman, dam by Banbury Bun, were two more of his better mounts.



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*The Southwold Foxhounds.
Messrs G. G. Bannister and J. M. W. Fox (joint masters)*

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Mr. J. S. W. Fox.
Joint Master of the Southwold Foxhounds.

Mr. Rawnsley is, in addition to hunting, a very keen shot, a fine fisherman, and greatly interested in farming. At Raithby he has 350 acres, and here he goes in for Lincolns and red shorthorns. He has a share in a stream in Norway, where he fishes every year, and on the moors his favourite sport is shooting grouse over dogs. He has a daughter, Miss Mary Jeanetta, who in hunting ever since she could walk, has emulated the example of her parents.

Mr. E. P. Rawnsley.

The Master of the Southwold is a J.P. for Lincolnshire and a member of Boodle's Club.

The family of which Mr. Fox is a member has been closely associated with the destinies of the Southwold Hunt during the past half century. Firstly, the late Captain J. W. Fox, 12th Lancers, of Girsby Manor, Lincoln, and Statham Lodge, Cheshire, identified himself with the management of the Hunt for many years, and was for a long time Chairman of the Hunt Committee. His generous financial support to the resources of the Hunt was continued after his death in the same liberal way by his son, Mr. John St. Vigor Fox, who since 1902 has been Joint-Master with Mr. E. Preston Rawnsley.

**Mr. J. St. V. Fox—
present
Joint-
Master.**

Mr. J. St. V. Fox is the only child of the late Captain Fox, and was born on April 10th, 1879. His first hunting was with the Southwold.

In 1892, Mr. Fox went to Eton, and during his five years there went in for boating. He then studied at a crammer's, at Stony Stratford, and hunted with the Graf-ton and Whaddon Chase. Proceeding to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, in October, 1898, he followed the Cambridgeshire, the Essex and the Fitzwilliam. He left the University in the spring



CAPTAIN J. W. FOX.

of 1900, and in the same year unfortunately had a severe accident which prevented him from hunting, but since 1901 he has rarely missed a day with the Southwold.

Mr. J. St. V. Fox's mother was the eldest daughter of Mr. R. T. Tasker, and married, secondly, in 1890, Mr. Edward P. Rawnsley. In 1902, Mr. Fox married Esther Mary, daughter of Mr. Montagu R. W. Sibthorp, of Canwick Hall, Lincoln. Mrs. Fox, who used to hunt regularly, died in 1905.

Of the many good horses which Mr. Fox has had in his stables at various times, Buccaneer, by Free Trader, who won the Southwold Hunt Cup in 1908, is the best. Mr. Fox is interested in

cricket and racing, being a member of the M.C.C., and has a joint interest in two horses now in training. Though his father was well known with the Cheshire Hunt, having been a prominent member of the Tarporeley Hunt Club for many years, Mr. Fox himself has only hunted there occasionally. His estates are situated at Girsby, Lincolnshire, and Manley and Statham in Cheshire. He is a J.P. for the parts of Lindsey, was High Sheriff of Lincolnshire in 1906, and is a member of the Carlton, Boodle's, and Isthmian Clubs.

Born and bred in Spilsby, in which town he has spent his life in the professional capacity of a solicitor, MAJOR GEORGE WALKER has continued the family services of a century by his indefatigable energies as Honorary Secretary of the Southwold Hunt. Historical records show that the Honorary Secretary of the Hunt in the year 1811 was Mr. William Walker (Major Walker's grandfather), who was succeeded in that office by his son, Mr. W. Walker, in 1857. In 1862 the latter was succeeded by his son, Mr. Edward Walker, who died in 1871, when Major Walker became Secretary. Major Walker was born on March 24th, 1830, and is the son of the late Mr. John Walker, of Spilsby. It is needless to add that in a family with such a hunting history, Mr. John Walker was an ardent follower of the chase. The subject of these notes went to the Spilsby Grammar School and later to

**Major G. Walker—
Hon. Sec.**



THE LATE MRS. FOX.

Major G. Walker.

Hull College, subsequently becoming articled to his father in 1817. Six years later he started to practise with his father and uncle. His father retired from practice in 1862 and died in 1882, at the age of eighty-one. His uncle took into partnership, in 1862, another gentleman of the name of Rainey, the firm then being Walker, Sons, and Rainey.

Since 1853, Major Walker has not missed a single season's hunting with the Southwold. He had previously, in 1849, joined the Spilsby Company of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment and retired in 1890 with the honorary rank of major. His eldest son, George Beaumont Walker, is now colonel of this company. Major Walker's grandfather was the first commanding officer of this regiment, which was formed during the Napoleonic scare in the early nineteenth century. For the past ten years the subject of these

notes has not actively practised, but he, nevertheless, still retains the position of Clerk to the Commissioners of Sewers, of Alford, Louth, and Spilsby, as also a considerable land agency. Of the many hunters Major Walker has had, Starlight and Major were the best.



MAJOR GEORGE WALKER.



MR. J. G. ALLOTT.

Mr. J. G. Allott.

MR. J. G. ALLOTT was born on July 15th, 1830, and is the eldest son of the late Rev. John Allott, Rector of Maltby, Lincolnshire. He learnt to ride when quite a small boy, and even before he started his studies, had gone out in the hunting field with his father, who used to hunt with the Southwold. After a private tuition he went up to St. John's, Cambridge, and there went in for rowing and cricket. He subsequently joined the 4th Battalion of the Lincoln Regiment and served with them for twenty-one years, retiring with the rank of major. He started a pack of beagles twelve years ago,

which he kennelled on his estate in Louth, and hunts them himself with Willie Todd as kennel huntsman. Mr. Allott, who is locally better known as Major Allott, is a J.P. for Lindsey and presides on the Louth Bench. He is very fond of shooting and fishing, and is a member of the Junior United Service Club.

Mr. J. F. Bainbridge.

Born on October 23rd, 1881, MR. JOHN FREDERICK BAINBRIDGE is the son of Mr. L. S. Bainbridge, who distinguished himself with the Southwold Hunt in the days of the Committee and Mr. Crowder. Mr. J. F. Bainbridge has hunted since he was nine years old with the Southwold, and is considered one of the best riders of the Hunt. He was educated at Louth Grammar School and Croydon, and subsequently took up farming at South Elkington, Louth, where he now lives. In 1902 he joined the Lincolnshire Imperial Yeomanry and was one of the King's Escort when His Majesty visited the Royal Agricultural Show, Lincoln, in 1907. On several occasions during training Mr. Bainbridge has been very successful in Yeomanry races, and has won a first in every event except the Victoria



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MR. J. F. BAINBRIDGE.

Cross Race, in which he was second. His best horse was Bounce, by De Landre, on whom he saw good sport; he eventually sold him to the Joint-Master, Mr. J. St. V. Fox.

Mr. J. F.
Bainbridge.

MR. FRANK BARKWORTH, of Welton Manor, Louth, has been identified with the Southwold Hunt during the last four years. He was born on July 19th, 1863, third son of the late Mr. Harold Barkworth, of Beverley, Yorkshire. On leaving Rugby he completed his education in Germany, where he remained for one year. Later he took up business in California, and after four years came home to start work in the City. In 1888 he became a member of Lloyd's, and is still interested in the firm of F. Barkworth and Co., St. Swithin's Lane.

Mr. F.
Barkworth.

He is fond of racing, and a regular attendant at Newmarket.

MR. RICHARD BOTTERILL, who is well known as a breeder of thoroughbreds, was born in 1831 at Garton, in Yorkshire, where his father was a large farmer and owner of property. He first followed Sir Tatton Sykes' Hounds, sometimes called the Heddlethorpe, on his pony as a boy, and it is only quite recently that he has failed to appear in the hunting field.

Mr. R.
Botterill.



MR. R. BOTTERILL.

When the Volunteer movement was first started in 1859, Mr. Botterill was made an ensign in the Driffield Volunteers, and afterwards joined Colonel Broadley's Yeomanry in the East Riding. Before coming to live at Tathwell, when he followed the Southwold and the Brocklesby, Mr. Botterill hunted with the Holderness, and also had much sport with Sir Clifford Constable's Staghounds, and the present Sir Tatton Sykes' Harriers at Sledmere. Always interested in farming, Mr. Botterill has for half a century been a member of the Royal Agricultural Society; he is also a member of

the Lincoln and Yorkshire Agricultural Societies, and is well known as a breeder of shorthorns and Lincoln longwool sheep.

At the dispersal of the Sledmere Stud in 1863, Mr. Botterill started breeding thoroughbreds, and has turned out many good racehorses, hunters, and steeplechasers, among them being a grey horse, Hamlet, 15 hands, who besides being hunted, won several steeplechases, including the Slow and Sure at Derby, where he beat a then favourite for the National; on the following day he went to Malton and won again, Mr. L. S. Botterill being his pilot. Premier II., another good horse, won the Southwold Hunt Cup, and was also successful in the show ring. Mr. Botterill has a large breeding stud at Tathwell Hall, Louth, where, besides a considerable number of brood mares, he has the two stallions, Pride and Flor-di-Cuba. Among the many good horses bred here, may be mentioned Ambition, winner of over 6,000 sovs. in stakes; Minting Queen, who won the Brocklesby Stakes in 1892; Ella Tweed, who won the same race in the following year; Eastern Emperor; Eastern Empress, the fastest mare of her day; High Land; High Treasurer, winner of the Molyneux Stakes; and Salisbury, who was sold to Mr. Douglas Baird as a yearling, and subsequently bought back for the stud, where he was very successful.

One of Mr. Botterill's most interesting reminiscences is the historic match between Voltigeur and The Flying Dutchman in 1851. All his sons are keen sportsmen. His second son, Mr. Harold Botterill, was blooded with the Holderness and is now a well-known follower of the Southwold. He, like his father, takes a keen interest in agriculture, the breeding of thoroughbred horses, and high-class stock of all descriptions. He has taken part in the local steeplechases, acted as a judge of hunters in the show ring, and was, from 1895 to 1908, Honorary Secretary for the Southwold Hunt Steeplechase Meeting.



MR. HAROLD BOTTERILL.

**Mr. R.
Botterill.**

Mr. R. Botterill's fourth son, Mr. Oswald Botterill, now residing at Swaby, near Alford, is also a member of the Hunt and a keen sportsman; while his youngest son, Mr. Arthur Douglas Botterill, is, like the rest of the family, a first-class horseman, a regular follower of the Southwold, and generally takes a prominent part in the local steeplechase meetings.

**Mr. H. L.
Bracken-
bury.**

MR. HENRY LANGTON BRACKENBURY, of Thorpe Hall, Louth, is the eldest son of the late Major Henry Brackenbury of the 21st and 61st Regiment, and of The Royal Bodyguard, who saw service in the Crimean War with the Turkish Contingent. Born at Colchester on April 26th, 1868, he was educated at Blackheath Proprietary School, Dover College, Leamington College, and Corpus Christi, Oxford, in 1887, where he became Captain of the College Boats, and also played in the College Rugby Team. He took his B.A. in 1891, and later obtained honours in classics for his M.A. degree. Since 1900, Mr. Brackenbury has regularly followed the Southwold. He lived at Scremby for six years, and since 1906 has been at Thorpe Hall.

In 1898 he married Florence, the daughter of Mr. Edgar Mills, of Menlo Park, California. Mrs. Brackenbury hunts in the Southwold country with her husband, who, in addition to hunting, is an ardent fisherman and shot, and is also greatly interested in local cricket.



MR. H. L. BRACKENBURY.

**Mr. C. W.
Burkin-
shaw.**

The late Mr. CHARLES WILLIAM BURKINSHAW, of Coles Grange, Elkington, was born at Tealby in 1859. He began hunting with the Brocklesby about thirty years ago, and since then followed the Southwold regularly, with the exception of a ten-year break when he gave up hunting. He was a breeder of Lincoln longwools and red shorthorns, a member of the Royal and of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Societies, and always walked a couple of puppies for the Hunt.

**Mr. W. M.
Casswell.**

MR. WILLIAM MARTIN CASSWELL, of North Ormesby Manor, Louth, was born at Pointon in 1840. He began hunting with the Belvoir, but ever since leaving Pointon has followed the Southwold and the Brocklesby. He farms about 1,300 acres and breeds Lincoln sheep and red shorthorns. For many years past he has walked puppies both for the Brocklesby and the Southwold, and has won a number of prizes, one of them being a Cup presented by the late Lord Yarborough.

**Messrs.
W. and R.
Chatterton.**

During Mr. Rawnsley's long term of office he has received valuable co-operation from the farmers in his country, of whom Mr. WILLIAM CHATTERTON, of Hallington, and his brother, Mr. ROBERT CHATTERTON, of Stenigot, are most prominent representatives.

Mr. William Chatterton was born at Wigtoft, in November, 1859, and his brother in May, 1863, their father being the late Mr. Robert Gray Chatterton. The family has long been well known in Lincolnshire in connection with agriculture and the breeding of Lincolnshire red shorthorns. Their uncle, the late Mr. William Chatterton, was one of the first and foremost breeders of his day, and formed the famous herd from which his nephew has got his stock. Both brothers were blooded by Berkshire in the days of the Committee. They were educated at Finchley, after which they lived with their father until his death, in 1888, and are now farming on an extensive scale. Mr. William Chatterton has been on the Southwold Hunt Committee for some years. He has had some good animals at various times. Paddy, by Victor, was a prominent performer. Hallington, bred by Mr. George Marris, of Kirmington, was also a fine animal. He won the Cup for Mr. Chatterton in the only point-to-point race ever held in connection with the Southwold Hunt (the cup was presented by Mr. Raymond Heath, M.P.). Brown Palmer and Recoil both won Lady Yarborough's Cup at the Brocklesby meetings. One of Mr. Robert Chatterton's best hunters is Argentino, imported from the Argentine Republic, and True Maid, by Minedosa—Miss Truclit, won the Southwold Hunt Cup in 1906. In 1885 he rode the winner of the Cup, Metal, the property of Mr. Thomas Eve, of Tathwell.

MAJOR EDWARD KYME CORDEAUX, late of the 4th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, is the youngest son of the late Mr. John Cordeaux, of Great Coates House, near Grimsby, and was born on December 7th, 1866. Major E. K. Cordeaux.

He began his hunting with the Brocklesby when he was six years old, and Will Dale, now of the Duke of Beaufort's hunt, blooded him to hounds. Coming to reside in the Southwold country in 1896 he has not missed a season with the exception of 1899-1900 and 1900-01. Amongst other packs with which he has hunted are the East Sussex, Braugham Moor, York and Ainsty, Craven, and Percy.

The Major is fond of both shooting and fishing; he is also partial to racing, and is a member of the private stand, Newmarket and Goodwood.

In March, 1890, Major Cordeaux joined the 4th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment as second lieutenant. During the South African War he was Commandant at Zuurfontein, Transvaal, and afterwards served with the 3rd Battalion Railway Pioneer Regiment. He was mentioned in despatches and gained the Queen's medal with four clasps.

In 1893 he married Hilda, youngest daughter of the late Sir Henry Bennett, of Grimsby. He is a J.P. for the Lindsey Division of Lincolnshire.

MR. THOMAS F. DALE, of 4, Grafton Street, Piccadilly, is widely known as one of the largest contributors on sport and travel to numerous journals both at home and in America, and it almost goes without saying, therefore, that he has been himself an ardent follower of the chase from very early years. While at Oxford, he spent most of his spare time, in the season, with the hounds, and since then has hunted with something like twenty-five different packs in various parts of the Kingdom. The Hunt, however, with which he probably feels more at home than any other is the Southwold, although he has spent several seasons in Leicestershire, chiefly with Mr. Fernie's Hounds.

Mr. T. F. Dale.

Mr. Dale is the author of many well-known publications on sport, among the best known of which are *The Game of Polo*; *The History of the Belvoir Hunt*; *Riding, Driving and Kindred Sports*; *The 8th Duke of Beaufort and the Badminton Hunt*; *For hunting in the Shires*; and *Polo, Past and Present*.

Second to hunting, in Mr. Dale's estimation, comes polo, on which he is an acknowledged authority; he is a member of the Ranelagh and the New Club.



MR. T. F. DALE.

MR. JOHN EDWARD DAVY was born at Hagnaby, in 1844, and began hunting with the Southwold in Captain Dallas Yorke's time; in 1860 he took to hunting regularly, generally on horses of his own breeding. On leaving school he managed the farm for his father, Mr. Edmund Davy, who was well known in Lincolnshire as a steeplechase rider, and as the owner of Gay Lad, who won the National. Mr. Davy has twice won the Southwold Hunt Cup with horses of his own breeding, Black Duchess and Goblin. He is a life member of the Royal and a member of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Societies. He lives at Tathwell, Louth.

Mr. J. E. Davy.

MR. JOHN DRAKE, of Tathwell Grange, Louth, was born at Tealby in 1862. For the last twenty-five years he has followed the Southwold, and in 1904 his horse, Radcliffe, won the Hunt Cup. He farms some 1,200 acres.

Mr. J. Drake.

MR. E. C. TENNYSON D'EYNCOURT, eldest son of the late Mr. Louis C. T. D'Eyncourt, of Bayons Manor, Market Rasen, was born on February 11th, in the year 1855. As a boy and young man, Mr. D'Eyncourt took all opportunities of hunting, though they were not very many. In the last nine years Mr. D'Eyncourt, as a Metropolitan Police Magistrate, has been prevented from devoting much of his time to the sport, but he, nevertheless, hunts whenever he is able with the Burton and Brocklesby, besides subscribing to, and hunting with, the Southwold Hunt for years.

Mr. E. C. T. D'Eyncourt

Mr. E. C. T.
D'Eyncourt

Mr. D'Eyncourt was married in 1892 to a lady who is also an ardent follower of hounds. She was Miss Charlotte Ruth, the only child of Sir A. Fred. Godson, of Westwood Park, Worcester.

Among the horses which Mr. D'Eyncourt has owned the most prominent is, undoubtedly, a grey horse, Sirdar, an Irish hunter. On this horse, which was hunted for six years, Mr. D'Eyncourt has enjoyed many good runs. In addition to being fond of hunting, he enjoys shooting, fishing, golf, and all out-door exercises when he is freed from the atmosphere of the courts and able to enjoy the invigorating air of the Wolds at his house, Bayons Manor. He is a member of the United Universities Club, Pall Mall, S.W.

Mr. W. A.
Ewbank.

The Master of that excellent little pack of hounds which provided such capital sport in Lincolnshire between the territories of the Brocklesby and Southwold during the seasons 1904 to 1908 was MR. WILLIAM ADOLPHUS EWANK, of Stewton House, Louth. A Yorkshire sportsman, and coming of a sporting stock, he is the son of the late Mr. William Ewbank, of Dalby Hall, Yorkshire, and was born at that place on March 3rd, 1857. The late Mr. Ewbank was himself Master of the Simmington Foxhounds in Yorkshire for some years, and it was from him that the subject of these notes inherited his love of the chase. Blooded by old Ben Morgan of Lord Middleton's Hounds at an early age, he followed this pack and the Simmington Hounds for many seasons, until he left that district for Stillington in the York and Ainsty country, where he lived for six years. He then went into the Simmington

country for a similar period and acted as deputy to the late Mr. R. Lesley, then M.F.H. to the Simmington. Subsequently he came into Lincolnshire, first to Marsh Chapel, and then to Fulstow Hall, where in 1904 he formed his pack of foxhounds and began to hunt a territory lent him by Lord Yarborough, and Mr. E. P. Rawnsley, Masters of the Brocklesby and Southwold respectively.

The first pack of ten couples consisted of drafts from the Duke of Beaufort's, Simmington, Quorn, Bramham Moor, Braes of Derwent, Hursley, and Southwold kennels, and the first kennel huntsman was Croft Grantham, who remained two seasons, followed by John Bray, 1906-07, and Ernest Fox, 1907-08. Mr. Ewbank himself hunted the hounds, the best season being the second when eight brace of foxes were killed, and eight brace run to ground, and in which they had several extraordinary good runs. The days of



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MR. W. A. EWANK.

meeting depended on the fixtures of the Brocklesby and Southwold, but generally averaged two days a week. The hounds had kennels first at Fulstow Hall; but as the Master changed his residence to Elkington Thorpe, and then to Covenham Manor, they were kennelled subsequently at those places. Mr. Ewbank was obliged to give up the hounds at the end of the season of 1907-08 on account of ill-health, which prevented his riding too strenuously. Mr. W. P. Smyth, of Elkington Hall, was Honorary Secretary of the Hunt during its existence of four seasons.

The subject of these notes was farming nearly one thousand acres, and when living at Elkington, used to motor to his two farms, one seven and the other nine miles away, before going to the Meet; he also exercised his hounds three hours every day.

Of the many excellent horses he has had, Sir Henry, Pink Pills, by Spendthrift (by Blair Athol), dam by Conductor, and Diabolo, by Hackler, have been the best.

Formerly he rode in steeplechases, and on one occasion won the York and Ainsty Point-to-Point on a mare named Rosa, by Cathedral, which stood barely 15 hands and carried 11 stone 10 lbs.

Mr. Ewbank is probably the only Master of Hounds who has taken an active interest in aeronautics. He possesses a ballooning certificate, given to him by the Spencer Brothers, with whom

he has made several ascents. In 1903 he married Miss A. M. Young, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Young, of Covenham Manor. Mr. W. A. Ewbank.

Ranking with Mr. Dallas Yorke, and Major George Walker, SURGEON LIEUTENANT-COLONEL FREDERICK FAWSETT, of Louth, can claim to be one of the veterans of the Southwold Hunt. He was born on July 9th, 1835, in Cambridgeshire, the son of a doctor of the same name, who was also a keen sportsman, practising at Wisbech. His earliest riding and hunting lessons took place when he was nine years old with the Long Sutton Harriers and with the Southwold Hounds, on his visits to Lincolnshire. His education at King Edward VI. School, St. Albans, was followed by studies at King's College, London, of which he is an Associate. He took his degrees at Edinburgh. Dr. Fawsett began his medical work at Wisbech, and from 1860 to 1867 hunted with the West Norfolk Foxhounds. The following year he came to Louth and has now hunted with the Southwold regularly every season for forty years. He is one of the oldest members of the Committee, and manages to average two days a week. The doctor entered the Cambridgeshire Militia as Surgeon in 1860, and retired in 1900 with the rank of Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel. He is the senior magistrate of the Louth Borough Bench, and a Justice of the Peace of the Lindsey Division of the county.

Dr. F. Fawsett.



DR. F. FAWSETT ON TRUE MAID.

He married in 1867 the daughter of Mr. Charles Boucher, J.P., and has two sons. Of the many good hunters which the doctor has owned, Arter-Nerxes, by St. Blaise, which he hunted for eighteen seasons, was the best.

Dr. Fawsett is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and in addition to hunting, has found time for shooting and fishing in Scotland and Norway.

MR. BARTHOLOMEW CLAYPON GARFIT, of Dalby Hall, Spilsby, has managed for several years past to get his regular four days a week hunting, and sometimes more.

Mr. B. C. Garfit.



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MR. B. C. GARFIT.

He was born on December 12th, 1856, at Boston, and is the youngest son of the late Mr. Thomas Garfit, M.P. for that town, a keen sportsman, and head of the banking firm of Garfit, Claypon & Co. His mother was a daughter of Mr. Thomas Broadbent, of Grove House, Manchester.

Starting to hunt with the Southwold as a youngster, Mr. Garfit had already enjoyed a good deal of sport before he went to Harrow, where he remained for three years.

Subsequently, when at Jesus College, Cambridge, he followed the Cambridgeshire and Fitzwilliam. On leaving the University he entered the family business, living at home until he married, in the year 1884, Mabel Eleanor, daughter of the late Reverend John Beridge Sparrow, of Algarkirk Hall, Boston.

Mr. Garfit afterwards lived at Holgate, near Boston, and Gunby Hall, Burgh; he purchased his present estate, Dalby Hall, from the late Colonel J. W. Preston.

Mr. Garfit served for about ten years in the 3rd Battalion of the Lincoln Regiment of Militia, and retired in 1885; he subsequently joined the Lincolnshire



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MISS EVELYN GARFIT.

Mr. B. C. Garfit.

Yeomanry Regiment when it was formed in 1901, and now holds the rank of major. Mr. Garfit's two daughters, Evelyn and Cicely, have been hunting regularly for the past five or six years and are among the keenest horsewomen in the Southwold country.

Mr. Garfit has been a J.P. for many years, and sits on the Spilsby Bench.



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MISS CICELY GARFIT.

Mr. P. Jackson.

MR. PERCY JACKSON, of Cadwell House, Highfield, Louth, has lived in the Southwold country for some years past, and has had a good deal of riding between the flags. In 1901 he won the Southwold Hunt Cup on Mr. Botterill's Premier; in 1905 he won the same race on Verdant Green, and again in 1907 he was first on Mr. St. Vigo Fox's horse. He trained and rode Mr. W. Peacock's Lady Scattercash, winning three steeplechases with her. Mr. Jackson breeds thoroughbreds and a few good hunters.

Mr. C. L. Prior.

MR. CHARLES LAWRENCE PRIOR, of Grimblethorpe Hall, Lincoln, is the eldest son of Mr. Henry Lawrence Prior, J.P., D.L., of Netherfield Park, Hertfordshire, and The Priory, Datchet, and was born at the latter place on August 24th, 1879. He was educated at Parry's School, Stoke House, near Slough, at Haileybury College, and at Trinity, Cambridge, from whence he hunted with the Newmarket and Thurlow, Oakley, Cambridgeshire, and Essex.

When the South African War broke out in 1899, Mr. Prior went out with the North Staffordshire Regiment, and was given a commission in the 17th Lancers, in which he remained until 1903.

Before going to the Southwold country in 1904, Mr. Prior had a good deal of sport from his father's home, with the Essex, Hertfordshire, and Puckeridge. He married a daughter of Major Thorburn, a good rifle shot and captain of the Scottish eight for twenty-five years.

Mr. Prior is a keen shot and salmon fisher, and formerly rented a moor in the north every season. He has also played cricket for the M.C.C., Derbyshire Friars, and Buckinghamshire. For many years past he has taken an active interest in racing, both over the sticks and on the flat, and now acts as Honorary Secretary of the Southwold Hunt Meeting. His Gold Whistle, by Golden Pippin—Fairy Queen, won the Open Hunters' Race at Cork, the Duhallow Open Race, and United Open Race, whilst he was stationed at Cork with his regiment. At this time he followed the Regimental Hounds, the United, the Duhallow, and C.C.H. With She Devil, by Dare Devil, he won numerous regimental races, and also at Hexham and Hooton Park. Probably the most notable of Mr. Prior's successes in military races was his win on Mr. R. B. Fisher's Tip Top, in the United Hunt Race of the Eglinton Meeting in 1902. His Mayboy won the Open United Race in Essex in the same year.

Since residing at Grimblethorpe, he has taken up farming, and is enthusiastic over his pedigree shorthorn herd. His club is the Cavalry.



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MR. C. L. PRIOR.

Mr. W. H. Rawnsley.

MR. WALTER HUGH RAWNSLEY, of Well Vale, Alford, Lincolnshire, is the fourth son of the late Rev. Drummond Rawnsley, and was born at Shiplake Rectory, on November 11th, 1856. His father was a great friend of the poet Tennyson, who was married by him at Shiplake Church. Living at Halton Holgate, Lincolnshire, since he was five years old, he had his first experience of

hunting as a boy with the Southwold Hounds. He spent the years 1869-76 at Eton, as a King's Scholar, where he ran with the beagles and played football. From Eton he proceeded to Oxford as a scholar (Postmaster) of Merton, from which College, in 1880, he took his degree. In outdoor sports and pastimes he distinguished himself at the University, playing for Old Etonians and being keeper of the Eton game there.

Mr. W. H. Rawnsley.

After four years spent in tuition with his eldest brother at Mr. Willingham Rawnsley's famous school in Hampshire, where he hunted with the neighbouring packs whenever opportunity occurred, and spending his Christmas holidays hunting with the Bicester, Old Berkshire, and South Oxfordshire, from Oxford, Mr. Rawnsley returned to Lincolnshire in 1884; he joined his younger brother, Mr. John Rawnsley, in farming near Louth, and began again to hunt with the Southwold.

On his marriage, in 1889, to Helen Maud, daughter of Lieut.-Colonel R. Chaplin, 5th Dragoon Guards, of Westgate House, Louth, he took a house near that town, where he received pupils for private tuition, and also went in for farming and horsebreeding, keeping both agricultural and hunting sires. Golden King, as a shire horse; Norwich, by St. Albans, former winner of the Goodwood Stakes; Lord George, by Lord Gough; and Briardale, by Riversdale, as hunter sires, were amongst those owned by him that have left their mark in the country.

Of the hunters he has had, Bopeep and Melton, who only gave him one fall in thirteen years, were amongst his favourites. Blacky and Confidence have been two of Mrs. Rawnsley's best horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawnsley now live at Well Vale, where the coverts are now one of the strongholds of the Southwold Hunt; they also carry a good head of game. Mrs. Rawnsley, too, is a thorough sportswoman, for besides having hunted all her life, she shoots, and is an adept with the rod. They have one son, Mr. John Richard Chaplin Rawnsley, and a daughter; both of them have been "entered" early to the sport.

The famous Tothill Wood, a sure find, has been lent for some years by Lord Willoughby de Broke, whose property it is, to Mr. Rawnsley for the preservation of foxes, and is the starting-point of some of the best runs he remembers, notably the run to Saltfleet in 1896.

In the early eighties Mr. Rawnsley was in the Hampshire Militia for three years. He sits on the Alford Bench as J.P. for Lincolnshire.

MR. WILLIAM GRENVILLE SMYTH, eldest son of Mr. William Henry Smyth, of Elkington Hall, Louth, which estate has descended from father to son for 600 years in the direct line, was born on October 6th, 1857.

Mr. W. G. Smyth.

His mother was the daughter of the Rev. John Sargeaunt, of Northamptonshire. Mr. Smyth was blooded with the Southwold by Captain Dallas Yorke. After leaving Eton in 1872, he lived in Somersetshire with private tutors, hunting with the South and West Wilts and the Duke of Beaufort's Hounds. On completing his studies he went home to Elkington, and has since never missed a season with the Southwold. Mr. Smyth is well known for



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MR. AND MRS. WALTER RAWNSLEY.



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MR. W. G. SMYTH.

Mr. W. G.
Smyth.

the excellence of his mounts, amongst the best in the past being Limber; George Osbaldeston, by George Osbaldeston; and Prince; Lady Madcap, by Activity; Bushranger, by Salisbury; and Sunbeam, are notable hunters now in his stables.

During the existence of Mr. Ewbank's pack of foxhounds he was Honorary Secretary for three seasons.

An adept whip, he started to drive a tandem when eighteen years old, a four-in-hand when twenty-one, and he has also tooled a six-in-hand. On one occasion he drove his team on the Mablethorpe Road, and galloped five miles in fifteen minutes, the two leaders being Sunbeam and Stubbs, and the wheelers, Wild Oats and Tom, one of the best teams in the country at that time.

He holds a record as a cyclist, riding from Land's End to John o' Groats in 4 days 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours. On another occasion he covered 600 miles in 60 hours; he is a member of the North Road Cycling Club. He is also fond of yachting and shooting, having spent much time amongst the big game in America.

Mr. Smyth married in 1889, Anna Lily Gordon, daughter of Mr. Cosmo William Gordon, of New York, U.S.A., which marriage was annulled in 1903 by the Divorce Court. Since attaining his majority he has been J.P. and D.C. for Lincolnshire, of which county his father was High Sheriff. He is a captain in the Lincoln Rifle Volunteers, which regiment was started in a great measure by the energies of his father.

Mr. J.
Thompson.

Born on April 19th, 1858, Mr. JOHN THOMPSON, son of the late Mr. William Thompson, of Stickford, Spillsby, comes of an old Lincolnshire family which have been settled in the country for many generations. His father was himself a hunting man, and taught the subject of these notes to ride when seven years of age. A year later he attended the first meet at Tumby Wood and was blooded by Berkshire.



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MR. J. THOMPSON.

After his schooldays at Bedford and Brighton, Mr. Thompson started to follow the Brocklesby regularly from Wold Newton, where he hunted with Mr. F. W. Hes. At the age of nineteen he came to live at Keal and has from that time taken up farming and followed the Southwold regularly.

From 1875 to 1881 he had a wonderful brown mare, and later hunted Silver-Tail, who was used both as a hunter and a trooper in camp, where he took prizes on several occasions. Mr. Thompson joined the Lincolnshire Yeomanry on its formation in 1902 and retired in 1908. He is a breeder of the old-fashioned pointer, and his home at Keal is one of the few places where these

dogs are seen at their best. Greatly interested in politics all his life, he is President of the Bolingbroke Conservative Association. Mr. Thompson's two step-sons, Mr. A. F. and Mr. H. G. Nalder, are keen followers of hounds, and are well known respectively in motoring and racing circles.



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The Carlton Parkhouse.
Mr. C. Wilson, Master.

THE BURTON.

THE Burton country once included the Blankney, which was separated from it in 1871. It is now north of Lincoln, and the Blankney south, the Welland dividing them, while the Trent is their boundary on the west. The Wragby Woods are neutral, providing many foxes for each. The Cliff, a high ridge of table-land, runs north and south through both, and has light plough and large fields divided by stone walls. Between the Cliff and the Wolds there is a long valley with stiff fences. From Stainton Wood to Hainton there is a fine grass vale. On the Belvoir side the Blankney has some fine grass, and generally there is less plough than in the Burton country. Torrington Gorse is a good covert, and in 1876-77 season was drawn thirteen times, and never blank. Other good coverts are Eagle Wood, a favourite of Sir R. Sutton, Wickenby Wood, Wellingore Gorse, Coleby Gorse and Carlton Gorse, which Lord H. Bentinck called "the fox's model lodging-house."

The country has changed since the eighteenth century, as the first Lord Yarborough told Sir C. Anderson that as a young man he could ride from Manby, in Broughton, near Brigg, to Gainsborough through the Southwold country without meeting any obstacle but a parish boundary, the country being open fields or rabbit warrens. From Manby, the old seat of the Andersons, to Gainsborough, is a seventeen-mile point. For a sporting country with such a history the subscription to the Burton is modest, being only £500.

While unable to specify the actual date when the Burton Hunt was originally organized, there is sufficient documentary evidence amongst the family letters at Burton Hall to prove that the first Lord Monson had a pack of foxhounds in the old kennels at Burton in 1731, and that from that date these hounds were regularly hunted for nearly eighty years by the Monson family.

Unfortunately, no great care seems to have been taken to preserve the early records of the Hunt.

A cursory examination has disclosed some points of interest. The huntsman, from 1732 to 1735, was Robin Cave, who was assisted by two whips. In 1758 his duties were fulfilled by one, Penny, who was evidently well known, as is testified by the following verse from an old hunting song:—

"In seventeen hundred and sixty and three,
The 3rd of December I think we agree,
At eight in the morning by most of the clocks,
We rode out of Lincoln in search of a fox.
There was jolly Ned Wills and Hobart so keen,
And Lawrence in scarlet with capes that were green,
With Penny and Raley, those huntsmen so stout,
Lords Bertie and Monson, and so we set out."

During these early years the best sport appears, from the family letters, to have been obtained on the Heath. This heath, as may be seen from the old maps, included all the land on the Cliff north of Lincoln to Kirton and south as far as Corby. The northern portion was all enclosed by the end of the eighteenth century, but that to the south of the city, especially the portion nearest to it, remained open heath until a later date.



From a picture at Burton Hall.

BURTON HALL IN 1731.

The second Lord Monson appears to have been far more assiduous in his duties as Master than his father, whom he succeeded in 1748, indeed, his mother, Margaret, Lady Monson, complains in a letter that he spends too much of his time hunting with his hounds down in Lincolnshire. It was this Lord Monson who added to Burton Hall in 1769, mainly with a view to increasing the accommodation for his hunt breakfasts.

The kennels were then removed to a greater distance from the house, and they occupied this new site until transferred from Burton to Reepham by Lord Henry Bentinck, between the years 1812 and 1815, at the special request of the sixth Lord Monson. From the time of the construction of the new kennels in 1771 until 1810, better care was taken to preserve the records of the Hunt. For this we are possibly indebted to that most capable huntsman, John Evans, who had charge of the pack during the most of this period. He was the grandfather of the well-known breeder of Lincoln Reds, Mr. John Evans, who is still a tenant on the Burton estate.

Very fairly complete annual lists and pedigrees of hounds are still extant. The perusal of Mr. Collins' admirable work on the Brocklesby Hunt will show that the Burton blood was much sought after at this time by the Brocklesby, Belvoir, and other celebrated packs.

We may well quote here from one of the many old MSS. notebooks: in it we read that for the seven years from 1781 to 1788, 377 foxes were killed. In 1809 the fourth Lord Monson died, and was succeeded by his son, then nine months old. There were in the kennels at this time forty-seven couples of hounds. It was probably the prospect of a long minority that brought about the sale of the pack, for shortly after it had passed into the possession of Mr. Osbaldeston. The contents of the stables were disposed of. The sale took place on January 13th, 1810, and the thirty-five horses realized £3,821 6s. 0d.

Although from this time the Mastership of Hounds passed from the Monson family, their interest in it cannot be said to have ceased. When, in 1816, Mr. Walker desired to return to the Mastership, the following clause was inserted in the agreement between him and Lady Monson:—

If desired by Lady Monson, Mr. Walker can be accommodated with walks upon Lord Monson's estates for sixty (60) young hounds, and it is presumed that Mr. W. will have no objection to the Hunt being styled the Burton Hunt and all notices of the days of hunting headed with the title "The Burton Hunt."

This rule is still adhered to at the present day, and the first meet of the season continues to be invariably held at Burton Hall.

For the facts concerning the history of the Hunt during the time it was controlled by the several Lords Monson, and for the illustrations, we are indebted to the kindness of the present Lord Monson.

Squire Osbaldeston was Master 1810-13. He gave £810 for the hounds, a large price at that time. He had such trouble in getting foxes to break from Wragby Woods, that he placed a man at



From a painting at Burton Hall.

JOHN, FIRST LORD MONSON.



From a painting at Burton Hall.

JOHN, SECOND LORD MONSON.

the cross rides with a gun to pepper them as they passed. Tom Sebright's first day with the Squire was a good one. They ran for thirty-two minutes without a check from Eagle Low Wood to ground; dug out their fox, and killed him; then bolting another from the same earth they ran him for 2 hours 35 minutes.

It was when Master of the Burton that Squire Osbaldeston, who had an eye for a promising colt, whether horse or boy, blooded young Sir Richard Sutton as a boy of ten, whom he mounted on a pony of Tom Sebright's when his tutor would let him go. On his retirement the pack left the country and Mr. Walker brought his own hounds, as did Mr. Assheton-Smith in 1816.

After Mr. Walker (1813-14) came Mr. Foljambe (1814-16), who was afterwards so well known as Master of the Grove. The great Assheton-Smith (1816-24) (for whom see the Tedworth) was his own huntsman, being assisted by his friend, J. White. He brought a number of his friends with him from Leicestershire, but they soon left, not liking the drains. At one time there were sixteen of them in the Tilla at once, and Mr. Smith alone got out on the right side. Only Sir D. Baird and Sir H. Goodricke saw the season out. His hounds were on the big side like John Warde's "jackasses."



From a painting at Burt Hall.

JOHN, THIRD LORD MONSON.

Sir Richard Sutton (1822-42) (see Quorn), bought "the whole establishment" from him (Fitt, *Covertside Sketches*), and at first had Jack Shirley for huntsman, afterwards taking the horn himself. Others give the date 1824-42. In 1826, when Sir Richard was laid up with a broken thigh, Mr. Foljambe acted as Master. Sir Richard got all his Irish hunters through Potter, a dealer of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire. He had a great dislike to water and timber; across country he rode slow, but straight, and did not pick his places, but took the fences as they came. His best horses were Emperor, Snowdrift, and Whitenose, though the latter gave him seven falls in one day.

Lord Henry Bentinck's name (1842-62) will be forever associated with the Burton country, for which he did so much. He hunted six days a week, and his favourite

coverts were Hackthorn Gorse and Carlton. As brother of Lord George Bentinck and the late Duke of Portland, he had ample means and so was a great horse buyer.

About 1850 the chief breeders of hunters in Lincolnshire were Wellfitt, of Louth, Fowler, of Kirton Grange, Greetnam, of Stainfield Hall, the Slaters, of Cammeringham and North Carlton, Bartholomew, of Goltho, Nainby, of Barnoldby, Brooks, of Croxby, and Chambers, of Reasby Hall—all sportsmen to the backbone. Besides patronizing them, Lord Henry Bentinck got horses from Mr. Hall, Scarborough Hall, Beverley, a M.F.H. breeder and dealer, whose grandson, Mr. Hall-Watt, of Bishop Burton, a name famous on the Turf a century ago, met with such a tragic fate, when motoring in France in July, 1908. He had such good hands that any horse went well with him. He never lost his nerve, though at times he lost his temper, and this led to his changing his Hunt servants rather often. These included at different times Dick Burton, Jack Jones, H. Sebright, G. Beers, and Ben Goddard. He had a hundred couples of hounds in his kennel, and sometimes took out two packs in one day. In 1847 his kennel was half full of hounds by Comus, who was by Harold—Crazy. His best hounds were Contest and Dorimont. He was very judicious and patient in handling his hounds, and watched their performance in the field, carefully noting them down in his hunting diary every day. Mr. Chaplin was Joint-Master for a time, till he died. In his first two years he had the best sport, and there were many good runs from the Wragby Woods. He sometimes hunted from Welbeck, thirty miles off, and rode that distance in relays of hacks twice a day. He had a pretty wit of his own at times. Once he noticed a friend, whom he had mounted on a good hunter, "funking" a big fence in a good run though it was right in the line. When he heard his

excuse, a lost shoe, he said, "Ah! if you are not afraid of losing your mettle, I am not of mine." He gave the same friend soon after his marriage another mount, telling him the horse would be at the meet for him. The latter, being on a visit, had no hunting things, and turned up at the meet in shooting dress. Lord Henry, after looking carefully at his get up as he mounted his horse, said with a smile, "Does Mrs. — already wear the breeches?"

In 1864, Mr. Henry Chaplin, then a young man entering well to hounds, bought Lord Henry's pack.

Lord Doneraile was Master 1862-65, having previously distinguished himself as Master of the Duhallo, county Cork, and then came Mr. Henry Chaplin again (further particulars appear under the Blankney).



From a painting at Burton Hall.

JOHN GEORGE, FOURTH LORD MONSON.

He hunted the country in splendid style, and went well with the best in spite of his weight. In his first season he had a grand run from Lord Brownlow's covert, the field simply losing the hounds, which stayed out all night. They, however, stuck to their fox, which they killed at Doglands in a covert, where a keeper found them sleeping round the "remains" at 11 p.m. When he approached them with his lantern, they drove him away, and he retreated at once, fearing they might make another meal of him.

February 5th, 1867, Mr. Chaplin's hounds met at Hackthorn, and found at 11.30 a.m.; the hounds were kept going by fox after fox all day, till at last they ran away from the field, and stayed out all night.

Mr. Chaplin's weight carriers were superb, and he refused £1,050 for Emperor the First, which was said to be the best weight-carrier in England. C. Hantin was huntsman, and Fitt in *Covertside Sketches* says he never saw a better fencer than his horse, The Better Deed.

In March, 1870, the Prince of Wales stayed with Mr. Chaplin at Blankney, and from Glentworth Low Court to Cammeringham had a good forty-five minutes for a distance of five miles, in which the Prince went well. In the evening they had a fast thing from Barton to Lincoln Race Course and back to Carlton in an hour and a quarter, the hounds being whipped off.

Mr. F. J. S. Foljambe succeeded to the Burton in 1871, on the resignation of Mr. Chaplin, and remained to 1880. Up to 1871 the Hunt may be described as the Old Burton, which included the Blankney or Southern Division, and from 1871 as the Burton.

Will Dale (of the Duke of Beaufort's Hounds), son of Lord Radnor's huntsman, hunted the hounds under Mr. Foljambe. Among the chief followers in this day were Mr. Heneage (now Lord Heneage), Colonel G. H. Hutton, Colonel G. Morland Hutton, the Honourable E. Pelham, Mr. F. Anderson, Major Ancotes, Mr. G. Foljambe, Mr. R. Swan, Mr. E. Paddison, Mr. W. Carnley, Mr. G. Burton, Mr. G. James, Mr. C. Brook, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Danby, Mr. W. T. Toynbee (the Secretary of the Hunt), Mr. W. Bramley, Mr. C. B. Robson, Mr. J. Hill, Mr. Glover, and Mr. Pereira Brown.

In Mr. Foljambe's time, from Wickenby Wood they had two of the best runs ever known in Lincolnshire on two successive Saturdays. On the first they ran to Caistor, an eighteen-mile point. On the second they ran eight miles straight in thirty-two minutes, and the fox went blind, it is said, and ran back into the hounds.

Mr. Erskine Wemyss succeeded 1880-82, keeping on Dale and carrying on the Hunt well with a splendid stud, but business affairs in Scotland caused him to resign. Two of his hunters fetched £378 each. Perhaps his best day was in November, 1880, when they presented Mr. Foljambe with a testimonial. There were two hundred out, a big field for the Burton, and they were soon "spread eagled" in a fast run of fifty minutes from Dunholme Gorse, by Reasby and Stainton Wood on the right, round by Fulnetby and Claybridge into the Wragby Woods and out of them by Sudbrook on the left and Seotherne, killing the fox on the railway by Wickenby Wood. Mr. C. P. Shrubb

succeeded (1882-85), first with Morgan as huntsman and afterwards carrying the horn himself. One of his best runs was on February 25th, 1883. The hounds found at Toft Newton, running through Faldingworth to Buslingthorpe and Wickenby, where there was a short check. Then they ran on by Faldingworth and West Rasen into Linwood, having covered the distance from Wickenby to Linwood, a four mile point in twenty-five minutes. They then ran across the Warren past Willingham House up Tealby Hill and past Bayon's Manor on the right, losing their fox at the cross roads leading to Ludford.

Mr. Wemyss came back (1885-88), with Will Shepherd as first whip, but was stopped in his first season by an eleven-weeks' frost. In the 1888-89 season the country was vacant, but Mr. Jarvis of the Blankney hunted the western part, Lord Yarborough the north-east at times. In 1889, Mr. T. Wilson, the present Master, took over the country east of the Spital Road, Mr. Jarvis keeping that on the west. He had Wesley as huntsman, and bought his dog pack from Lord Percy and his bitches from Mr. H. Cox. January, 1890, was a great month, five and a-half brace of foxes having been killed in one week. In his second season he took over the whole country, and on November 8th, 1890, had a great run. They met at Wickenby, and finding at Nevile's Gorse ran by Faldingworth Grange on left nearly to Middle Rasen, and then towards Buslingthorpe, where they changed foxes, and ran to West Rasen, and across the river to Setlop in the Brocklesby country. Thence they ran fast by South and North Owersby, where there was a check to the field, hounds running away from them by Thornton-le-Moor to Kelsey Hall, where the fox went to ground in a gravel pit, and could not, of course, be dug out, as it is quite six and a-half miles in a straight line within the Brocklesby country from West Rasen, where they entered it. It is said they covered fourteen miles in all from the start, on the authority of one who was there, but this seems a moderate estimate, if we trace it out on the map. The time was 1 hour 40 minutes, and only five saw the end.

In the account of the Burton and Blankney we must acknowledge the assistance rendered by Mr. W. B. Danby, a well-known follower of the Burton.

According to Burke the family of Bentinck is of the ancient nobility of the Duchy of Guelder where, at the commencement of the fourteenth century a knight of the name was known to have possessed a castle of Benting or Bentinck, near Gorssel, between Deventer and Zutphen.

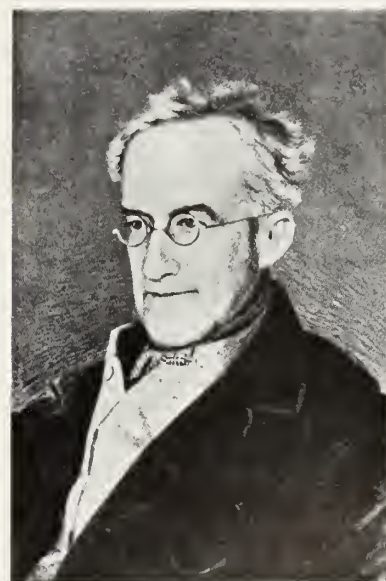
**Lord H.
Bentinck—
Master,
1842-62.**

The Bentincks, as most of us know, are in nearer times descended from a page of honour to William of Orange, who subsequently rose to be his adviser when, by a turn of Dame Fortune's wheel, he became King of England. With his rise, William did not forget his friend, and with honours showered thick upon the family, cadets of it intermarried with the Cavendishes, Wellesleys, Villiers, and Harleys, all of whom, as every schoolboy knows, have helped to make English history.

Fourth son of the fourth Duke of Portland, Henry William Cavendish-Bentinck, who was born on June 9th, 1804, was the brother of the fifth duke, another brother being "that English worthy," as his biographer phrased it, Lord George Bentinck, of political and horse racing fame.

Educated at Eton, LORD HENRY BENTINCK was a scholarly man in a day when so much stress was not always put upon classical attainments for the scions of great houses. He was a major in the Army in the purchase days, and subsequently represented North Nottinghamshire in Parliament. A family trustee of the British Museum, he was an earnest literary student.

To enter into this phase of his character is, however, outside our province; rather let us revert to his experiences in the hunting field. Initiated to the saddle at the very earliest period that he could bestride a pony, he became a fine rider in his teens. After making his name a household word with the principal packs in England, he, in 1842, had the Mastership of two packs offered him, the Quorn and



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"Foxhunting Recollections."*
LORD HENRY BENTINCK.

**Lord H.
Bentinck.**

Burton. The latter had been hunted by Sir Richard Sutton. It was generally supposed that on his resignation the country would suffer a severe blow, and that a successor to run it upon the same liberal lines would be very hard to find indeed. Further, it was assumed that a man of Lord Henry Bentinck's wealth and standing would accept what might be termed the blue riband of a Master's ambition. To the delight of the Burton country he left the Quorn for Sir Richard Sutton, and accepted the vacant Mastership of the Burton. We had almost forgotten to mention that this was not his first Mastership, as he had previously been in command of the Rufford from 1834 to 1836; with the Burton, however, his name has been more especially associated. It is somewhat of a coincidence that when he began hunting the Burton country, Dick Burton was his huntsman, he coming with the hounds of the then recently deceased Lord Ducie, from the Vale of White Horse. Hunting six days a week, Lord Henry did things in a princely style, his establishment being as near perfection as thought and wealth could make it. Transferring the kennels to Reepeham, both horse and hound were treated with greatest consideration. Among the novelties introduced for the equines was a Turkish bath, capable of "bathing" eight horses simultaneously. There were often over 100 horses in his stables, and double the number of hounds on the benches.

Particular in the class of both quadrupeds, we have a recollection that when the sale of Lord Stamford of Warrington's horses took place at Quorn, he gave 400 guineas for Phoenix and 120 guineas for St. Roman. These, however, were small prices in his eyes, as he paid £600 for a horse named Shropshire, and allowed the former owner £100 per annum as long as he continued to ride. He also offered £1,500 for The Colonel, winner of the Grand National, which he wished to ride in the hunting field, but the offer was refused.

Great as a houndman, he made a name in the kennel list second to none in his day, and the names of Comrade, Contest, Craftsman, Comus, Tomboy, and others of his breeding have been written in the pedigrees of the best of to-day.

It is related of him that he would not allow a whipper-in to turn his head when watching a ride, stating that no man could watch properly who did so. One unlucky wight he dismissed forthwith, giving as his reason that the man had turned his head seven times in five minutes.

When we mention that Dick Burton was with him from 1843 to 1849, it will be seen that he was held in high esteem, or he would not have pleased his exacting master for so long. Indeed, Lord Henry was wont to observe that Burton was the best hand at entering young hounds he ever knew, and in this connection it must be remarked that during his Mastership the Burton pack gained a great prestige. Thirty couples came from Mr. Foljambe, in addition to those from the V.W.H. country; but he bred extensively from the Brocklesby, Belvoir, Grove, and Sir Richard Sutton's kennels.

He was a fine horseman, and as a huntsman had few superiors in the Kingdom, although he did not generally carry the horn himself. In this particular he would appear to have been convinced that lookers on see most of the game. His Hunt servants frequently had a "bad quarter of an hour," as he never allowed the pack to be interfered with, insisting upon their doing their own work. For this reason any huntsman lifting hounds was immediately discharged.

Lord Henry died December 31st, 1870, after a sudden seizure. Under his will Mr. G. Cavendish-Bentinck, the residuary legatee, received £200,000. He found that the late Lord had made no provision for his servants, so he pensioned all the oldest grooms, and made the valet a present of £100.

**Mr. T.
Wilson—
present
Master.**

MR. THOMAS WILSON achieved a unique distinction when, in 1888, he became Master of the Burton Hounds, with which Hunt the names of such famous sportsmen as Osbaldeston, Foljambe, Assheton Smith, Sir Richard Sutton, Lord Henry Bentinck and Mr. Henry Chaplin had been associated, in that he had, at that time, not yet arrived at his majority. It must be added, moreover, that during his long Mastership, he has in every way kept up the traditions of this historic pack.

Mr. Wilson was born on February 2nd, 1868; he is the son of the late Mr. William Wilson, of Dore, Derbyshire. His initial hunting took place with Lord Fitzwilliam's, the Rufford, and the Grove, and also with a pack of harriers which his elder brother hunted in 1878, and later known as the Barlow Hounds. He was educated privately in Surrey, where he occasionally

had sport with the Burstow and Surrey Foxhounds, and, during his holidays, reverted to his home packs.

Mr. T.
Wilson.

When Mr. Wilson started his Mastership of the Burton, he purchased a pack of thirty couples of dog hounds from Lord Percy, and two couples of bitches at the sale of Mr. Harding Cox's pack. Wesley was his huntsman, but in the following year he took the horn, and has hunted the hounds himself ever since.

On Mr. Jarvis giving up his part of the Blankney country in 1890, Mr. Wilson bought his pack and at that time hunted five or six days a week, with a territory much larger than it is at present. In selecting the hounds he has always favoured the blood from the late Lord Henry Bentinck's kennels, all the hounds at present in his kennel going back to that stock. His most notable hound now is Chanter, by the Grove Chanter out of the Burton Nosegay.

The superiority of Mr. Wilson's mounts, both of his own and the Hunt servants, is well known; though he does not recall any special favourites, if we except Spridlington, a mare whose grand-dam he had bred whilst at school. In 1900, on taking up his residence at Riseholme Hall, which he purchased, Mr. Wilson erected new kennels on his own estate, and his pack now consists of about fifty-two couples.

In 1905 he re-instituted the Burton Hunt Steeplechases on the course situated on Lord Monson's estate, which had been disused for that purpose for three or four decades. He himself has never raced, though Mrs. Wilson has some useful performers.

On the occasion of his marriage to the daughter of Mr. George Shaw, the members of the Hunt presented him with three golden bowls in recognition of his success and popularity as Master.

Essentially an all-round sportsman he is devoted to shooting, and plays cricket in the summer. He is interested in the auxiliary forces and has been in the Lincolnshire Imperial Yeomanry since it was started in 1902.

Mr. Wilson is an ardent advocate of the merits of his own country, which he considers to be the best he has ever encountered, especially so now that the use of wire is on the decline. He is a J.P. for Lincolnshire, and a member of the Junior Carlton and Cavalry Clubs.

The Honorary Secretary of the Burton Hunt, MR. EDMUND LARKEN, of Cantilupe Chantry, Lincoln, has filled that position since 1897, when he succeeded Mr. W. T. Toynbee. He was born on December 5th, 1876, and is the youngest son of the late Mr. Francis Roper Larken, who, together with his forefathers, had been in residence in the county of Lincoln for many years.

Mr. E.
Larken
—Hon. Sec.

Mr. Larken was following the Burton before he went to Winchester, where he was educated. After leaving school in 1895, he read for the law, and was placed on the roll of solicitors in 1900. He has devoted most of his hunting to the Burton, though he has had occasional days with other neighbouring packs. Mr. Larken has held a commission in the Lincolnshire Imperial Yeomanry since its formation. He is interested in most other field sports, such as shooting and fishing.

MR. HENRY CHARLES HYNMAN ALLANBY, late of Kenwick Hall, and now of Monks Tower, Lincoln, was born on May 18th, 1853, son of the late Mr. Henry Hynman Allenby, J.P., of Kenwick Hall, Louth, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Titus Bourne, of Alford, Lincolnshire. At the age of nine Mr. Allanby (who, it will be noticed, has reverted to the original spelling of his name) started to hunt with the Southwold, and was blooded by Backhouse, with that pack. He was in his Harrow house cricket and football elevens, and later, from Magdalen College, Oxford, hunted with the Heythrop, Bicester, and South Oxfordshire; during long vacations he followed the Cotswold and the Duke of Beaufort's, from Cheltenham. Subsequently he served in the Lincolnshire Militia for six years, exchanging to the 3rd Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders, in which he remained for nine years, retiring with the honorary rank of major.



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MR. H. C. H. ALLANBY.

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Mr. Allanby lived at Kenwick Hall during five or six seasons from 1878, and hunted with the Southwold. Later, although he was living in Argyllshire, he came down to hunt with the same pack most seasons.

In 1890 he took up his permanent residence at Knaith Hall, Gainsborough, and from that time has become a regular attendant of the Burton. He at present resides at Monks Tower, Lincoln, which he bought in 1903, and which had been built by Mr. F. J. S. Foljambe as a hunting-box during his Mastership. For several years Mr. Allanby served on the Committee of the Burton.

His great hobby is amateur photography, in which art he is more than an expert. He is a keen shot and extremely fond of yachting and stalking. His best hunter, Charles, was a horse who was formerly well known with the Southwold Hunt. His Thornhill, a mare, won the Rufford Farmers' Point-to-Point in 1906.

Mr. Allanby married, in 1879, Mary Florence, daughter of Mr. Thomas Garfit, late M.P. for Boston, and has two sons, Mr. Allan Charles Hymnan Allanby, and Mr. Ronald Allanby, the latter in the 1st Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders.

Mr. Allanby is a member of Boodle's and Royal Highland Yacht Clubs.

**Mr. R. C.
Bacon.**

MR. RICHARD C. BACON has acted as chairman of the Burton Hunt Committee during the last ten or twelve years. The fourth surviving son of the late Sir Hickman Bacon, Baronet, well known as a fine man to hounds some fifty years ago; he is also a brother of the present baronet, who, although himself taking no active part in sport, has the distinction of owning a covert (The Scroggs) on his estate in the Burton country which has not been drawn blank for the last four or five seasons, *i.e.*, for the last sixty to seventy times drawn—probably a unique record. Mr. Bacon was born February 20th, 1866, and was educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge, at both of which he figured with some success as a "wet bob," taking his B.A. and M.A. in due course at the latter institution. He spends most of his time in Lincolnshire, where as a Magistrate and member of the Lindsey C.C., his time is fairly well occupied; in fact, he owns to treating hunting, shooting and fishing rather as an amusement than a business.

Mr. Bacon served in the Sherwood Rangers and Lincolnshire Yeomanry for some fifteen years. His residence is at Willingham by Stow, near Gainsborough, and his London clubs comprise the Carlton, Junior Carlton, Wellington, Boodle's, and Bath.

**Mr. W. B.
Danby.**

One of the most constant followers of hounds amongst the members of the Burton Hunt is MR. WILLIAM BARR DANBY, of Lincoln, who has hunted continuously with the pack for thirty-seven seasons; his hunting diary, which goes back to 1879, affords very interesting reading. Born in 1854, he is the son of the late Mr. John William Danby.



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. W. B. DANBY.

As an Etonian, during the holidays, he hunted with the Burton, and later started a small pack of harriers, which he afterwards disposed of, and in their place purchased a pack of beagles from Sir Thomas Wollaston White.

In the days of Mr. Foljambe's Mastership Mr. Danby rode a grey mare which was an extraordinarily fine hunter and was well known in the district.

In 1877, Mr. Danby was admitted to the roll of solicitors, when he joined his father in that profession, and since that date he has taken a keen interest in all outdoor sports, shooting, cricket, tennis, and golf each claiming a share of his attention.

He assisted, in conjunction with Lady Ellison, in the foundation of the Primrose League City of Lincoln Habitation, which, until recently, was the largest in the kingdom. It was also due to his energies that the Lincoln Golf Club was formed.

Officially Mr. Danby is connected with the Burton Hunt in his position as Secretary of the General Purposes Committee, interesting himself in renovating old coverts and in the planting of new ones. The efforts of this Committee have been attended with very satisfactory results. **Mr. W. B. Danby.**

His grandfather, Mr. W. Danby, was known in the Burton country, for there is on record that in 1807 at the Hunt races he was beaten by half-a-neck. It is curious to note that nearly a hundred years later, his grandson, the subject of these notes, was beaten by a short head in a point-to-point race held in conjunction with the Burton Hunt.

Mr. Danby's sister has also hunted all her life from Lincoln.

MR. JOHN DRYSDALE SANDARS, of North Sandsfield House, Gainsborough, and of the firm of Sandars & Co., Maltsters, started to hunt when fourteen years old with the Burton; he was blooded by Will Dale, during Mr. Savile Foljambe's term of office. With the intention of entering the Army, he was educated at Wellington, but owing to ill-health, relinquished the idea and read for the Bar. He subsequently entered Trinity Hall, Cambridge, from whence he followed the Fitzwilliam, Oakley and Cambridgeshire; he also played a good deal of polo. Called to the Bar in 1886, he joined the Northern Circuit, but never practised to any extent. He joined his father in the business at Gainsborough, of which he is now proprietor. Since 1886 he has hunted regularly with the Grove and Burton. In 1905 he married the Honourable Maud Evelyn, daughter of the fifth Lord Graves.

Mr. J. D. Sandars.



MR. J. D. SANDARS.

He served as High Sheriff for Lincolnshire in 1902, and is a J.P. and D.C. for Lindsey. Mr. Sandars takes a lively interest in politics and has been invited to stand for parliamentary election; he is at present President of the North-west Lindsey Conservative Association. Devoted to shooting, he has recently purchased the Gate Burton and Knaith Hall Estates. Mr. Sandars and his brother were some of the earliest motorists in Lincolnshire, having owned a car ten years ago. He is a member of Boodle's, Wellington, Hurlingham, Ranelagh, and the Royal Automobile Clubs.

Other prominent members of the Burton are MAJOR MUIR, LORD BROWNLOW, SIR ROBERT FILMER, COLONEL THEOBALDS, THE HON. M. GIFFORD, SIR CHARLES WELBY, MR. C. GREENALL, MAJOR REXNY, MR. and MRS. MONTAGU THOROLD, and MR. R. B. BURROWS.

THE BLANKNEY.

THIS country has less plough and more heath and grass than the Burton. On the north and east it is bounded by fens. On Moudays they hunt the Newark side, north and north-west of the Witham River. Kettlethorpe, Thorney, Doddington and Eagle Hall for Eagle Wood, Sir R. Sutton's favourite covert, are good meets. Wide ditches, small hedges and rotten banks are the chief obstacles. Linwood has the peculiarity of being common to three hunts, so that foxes are roused there about ten times a week. The Wednesday country is the Wragby Woodlands, which are also hunted by the Southwold, so that the foxes are kept on the move and ready to go. Tile Home Beck, Southery, and Chambers Wood are good meets. Brooksby says, that up to 1882 Stainfield Wood was always drawn by them on Ash Wednesday, and that Lord H. Bentinck had good runs from there on that day for several years running. He sees nothing wrong in this, but now in the diocese of the Bishop of Lincoln, Ash Wednesday is not a hunting day.

On Thursdays they are near Blankney or east of the country, the best meets being Blankney, Scopwick, Ashby, Nocton, Temple Bruer and Bartholomew's Gorse. Light plough and stone walls are met with on the heath. Their Saturday country is the best and stiffest, and lies chiefly in the Wellingore Vale. The chief meets are Wellingore, Coleby, Umbourn, Carlton-le-Moorland, and Brant Broughton.

Prior to 1871, the country now hunted under the name of the Blankney formed part of the Burton Hunt (see Burton History). On Mr. Chaplin's resignation of the whole country, a portion of it was taken over by Colonel Chaplin, with a Committee; he was Master from 1871 to 1877, and then Mr. H. Chaplin, M.P. (1877-81). In this period they had a great run from Tunman's Wood—thirteen-mile point in 1 hour 36 minutes, the hounds running away from the field. On February 24th, 1880, they had a very fast gallop from Broughton Top to Fenton, where they killed in fourteen minutes, Colonel Chaplin on Bob Ridley, Frank Rhodes, and Major Amester led throughout; they are since dead. The distance is three and a-half miles straight. In 1880, from Coleby Gorse they covered a five-mile point in twenty-two minutes, and changing foxes, ran clean away from the field for some miles beyond Leadenham, not being found for several hours. Boothby Park (Mr. Marflet's) has some laurels round the house with an artificial earth and three copses. This is a certain find. In several of their vale coverts Mr. Chaplin made artificial earths, which are watched by a "fox keeper," whose terriers follow the hounds when in that neighbourhood. If the covert is drawn blank the grating of the earth is removed, the terrier put in and the fox bolted. These Wellingore foxes often run under the Cliff to Leadenham, and then across to Broughton or Stubton in the Belvoir country. The Braut runs through this vale, and is usually forded, not jumped. Of their 1880 season, perhaps the best run was from a find in Tunman's Wood, with a kill in the open. It was a thirteen-mile point and the time 1 hour 26 minutes.

Major Tempest, a very fine horseman, was a prominent follower at this time. General Sir Mildmay Wilson, of Raunby, in the Belvoir country, was a great Blankney man, but of late years has retired; also Colonel Reeve, of Leadenham, Parson King, of Ashby, the owner of Apology, winner of the St. Leger in 1874, and the Reverend Mr. Howson, of Brant Broughton.

The following are the Masters of the Blankney since Colonel Chaplin. Henry Chaplin, 1877-81, and with Major Tempest and a Committee, 1881-85; Lord Lonsdale for half a year to Christmas, 1885; Major Tempest, 1886-95. Mr. N. C. Cockburn took over in 1895, and was seven years later joined by Lord Lonsborough. This partnership was dissolved in 1904 when the late Mr. Edgar Lubbock took over the Mastership. The present Master, Lord Charles Bentinck, shared the season of 1906-07, and now continues in sole command.

The subscription is about £1,800 a year, but the Master has no guarantee.

Son of the late Rev. Henry Chaplin, and brother of the present member for Wimbledon, EDWARD CHAPLIN was born in 1812 and educated at Harrow; entering the Coldstream Guards in 1860, he retired in 1871 from his regiment, finding that soldiering and the representation of Lincoln in the House of Commons at the same time entailed too much work. His earliest experiences of hounds were as a youngster when Lord Henry Bentinck was hunting the Burton. During the last decade of that distinguished nobleman's life the subject of our notes was regularly mounted six days a week, and became a proficient in the noble science. He ultimately became the first Master of the Blankney on his elder brother giving up a part of the Burton.

Mr. E.
Chaplin.

As a big-game shot he shone after first proving himself a fine performer with the smoothbore. In 1867 he went to South Africa when game was particularly plentiful in the Zulu country. Indeed, lions were almost too strong for the "brother savage." In company with Colonel Harvey Tower, big bags, if the term may be used for such great game, were the order of both day and night. Hippopotami, rhinoceroses, lions and buffaloes were the principal victims, and it is related that upon one occasion the Colonel shot three lions in the early morning. In common with many other noblemen and gentlemen of this day he took a keen interest in coaching and was a partner in a coach with Mr. Chas. Hoare—the "Tunbridge Wells." Mr. Hoare, the first partner, was subsequently joined by Lord Bective, Colonel Halthorn, and Lord Helmsley. Originally initiated in the handling of a four by the illustrious "Jim" Carter, of happy memory, he handled many regimental teams, and was considered to be one of the finest whips in the Guards when they boasted many fine coachmen.

In 1877 the Colonel married Lady Gwendolen Talbot, daughter of the then Earl of Shrewsbury.

A member of one of the oldest families in Lincolnshire, MR. HENRY CHAPLIN, born on December 22nd, 1840, is the eldest son of the Rev. Henry Chaplin aforesaid, who was vicar of Ryhall, in the county of Rutland. Ryhall, it may be noted, is a village near Stamford, and therefore right in the centre of the hunting country of England. Educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, he, in 1859, succeeded to the estates of his uncle, Mr. Charles Chaplin, of Blankney, who for many years represented Lincolnshire in the House of Commons. The gentleman in question, who had been devoted for years to agriculture, left him not only one of the best cultivated and finest estates in Mid-Lincolnshire, but a huge fortune. Rutlandshire, if the smallest of our counties, ranks very high indeed as a sporting centre—indeed *nulli secundus* applies in this case beyond question, and with the subject of these notes a love of sport was hereditary. Mr. Chaplin began following hounds as soon as he could bestride a pony, receiving his lessons with the Cottesmore at a time when Sir John Trollope was Master. At Oxford he diligently hunted with the neighbouring packs, albeit when he left *Alma Mater* he carried with him the reputation of being a scholarly gentleman in a day when young men of large means were usually expected to "lark" rather than give attention to classical attainment. After a big-game tour in Upper India in company with that fine sportsman, Sir Frederick Johnstone, Mr. Chaplin upon his return to England astonished the world of sport by giving the then quite unprecedented price of 11,000 guineas to Mr. T'Anson, of Malton, for a couple of racehorses, Breadalbane and Broomielaw to wit. It created quite a furore! Strange as it may seem in a day when one horse will fetch £40,000 we read that the Press quarrelled as to the priority of announcement in connection with the deal. Special commissioners were sent to interview T'Anson, who was so besieged with applications to view the equine wonders that tickets of admission were issued to debar *profanum vulgus* from entering the sacred stable.

Mr. H.
Chaplin
—Master,
1877-85.



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MR. H. CHAPLIN.

It is not our intention to enter into Mr. Chaplin's Turf career here, his sagacity as a breeder or the wonderful triumphs of the "all rose" cap and jacket. The subject has been ably dealt with in "*The Turf, and the Men who Made it.*" Hunting is our theme; and fond of the Turf as he is, we venture to say that the chase has a place even nearer his heart.

Mr. H.
Chaplin.

Succeeding Viscount Doneraile as Master of the Burton in 1866 he took over the pack. He had Chas. Hawtin as huntsman and Goddard as whip. The establishment was, almost needless to say, carried through in first-class style, and there was nothing in England to surpass it.

This was largely due to the fact that Mr. Chaplin bred his hunters from the grand thoroughbred stallions in his racing stud whom he mated with great hunting mares. Riding something like eighteen stone, a notable judge of hunting once said, "he rides so light that he might only be a twelve stone man." An accomplished horseman he could ride anything that could carry him. Thus, Emperor I. bred, if memory serves us, by himself, and for whom we believe he refused 1,000 guineas, was a very rough handful for any but a Master such as Mr. Chaplin. Under him, however, nothing of the welter class could beat this pair in a deep country.

Major A. C.
Tempest
—Master,
1886-95.

MAJOR ARTHUR CECIL TEMPEST, whose name is closely associated with the early days of the Blankney Hunt, is the descendant of a family long connected with the county of Yorkshire. Roger Tempest, holding land in Craven, witnessed with his son in 1120 the charter by which Cecilia de Romeli founded the Monastery of Embsay. His direct descendant, Sir John Tempest, Knight, of Bracewell, born August 24th, 1283, in ward to the Crown, had livery of his father's lands. He joined the Earl of Lancaster's rising to subvert the power of Piers Gaveston, but was pardoned in 1313. In 1316 he was joint lord of Bracewell Stock and Waddington. Joining the second rising he was imprisoned, but released on payment of a fine of £10 in 1322. He was Knight of the Shire for Yorkshire, 1324, and summoned to attend the Grand Council at Westminster. His grandson, Sir Richard Tempest, was one of the close friends of Henry V., and the family since that time has been making history as soldiers, statesmen and men of the world's affairs.

The subject of these notes was born June 2nd, 1837, and married April 28th, 1873, Eleanor Blanche, second daughter of the late Mr. Edward Horner Reynard, of Sunderlandwick, and Hobgreen, Yorkshire.

After his preliminary education the Major was gazetted to that smart regiment the 11th Hussars, and went to India with his corps. The 11th is, we have no need to say, one of the "hardridingest" in the service, and every opportunity of sport, from tiger shooting and pigsticking to snipe bagging, was taken proper advantage of. One of our finest gentlemen riders in a day when they were possibly more plentiful than now, Major (then Captain) Tempest, upon his return to England in the sixties, devoted a great portion of his leisure to riding between the flags. His services were in great request, both here and in Ireland, and victories too many to chronicle here. Of his mounts in the Grand National, Hall Court, a noted puller, was nearest to being successful, as he ran second to The Colonel in 1869. An exceptionally fine piece of riding on his part was when he won the National Hunt Race at the Bristol and Western Counties Meeting on Pickles, beating that fine horseman, Mr. Arthur Yates, of Cardigan, after a real set to.

Giving up riding between the flags in the early seventies allowed the Major more time to attend to his favourite sport, hunting, early experience of which had been gained with the Badsworth and continued whilst in the service with the principal packs of England and Ireland. Taking up his residence at his Lincolnshire estate, Coleby Hall, he turned his attention to following the Blankney, then under the Mastership of Mr. Henry Chaplin. That great sportsman, finding the calls of politics too many, then induced Major Tempest in 1881 to assume the rôle of acting M.F.H., assisted by a Committee. In 1885, Lord Lonsdale took the hounds, but stayed only half a year before going to the Woodland Pychley. He had purchased the hounds, however, we believe, for £3,600 from Mr. Chaplin and took them with him, promising, however, to send to the Blankney a moiety of the first year's entry. Upon this condition Major Tempest consented to form a new pack and accept the Mastership.

This new pack, consisting of part of the old and some puppies, was subsequently again sold to Mr. Harding Cox to hunt the Old Berkeley country; whereupon Mr. Chaplin bought back from Lord Lonsdale fourteen couples of the original pack, and the Major obtaining all the Belvoir and Blankney blood that he could, founded the present pack; he and Ben Capell were of opinion that the strains they bred from could not be beaten.

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Mr. N. B. Goodburn.
Master of the Elk Lake, from 1895 to 1904.

Major Tempest, who resigned in favour of Mr. N. C. Cockburn in 1895, still takes the greatest interest in the Hunt. Almost needless to say he is immensely popular, as in his riding days it took a good man to keep him in sight. The best of many good hunters was in his opinion Pullman, bred by Sir George Cholmondeley.

Major A. C.
Tempest.

MR. NATHANIEL CLAYTON COCKBURN, of Harmston Hall, Lincoln, is the eldest son of Mr. William Yates Cockburn, of Surbiton, Surrey, and grandson of the late Mr. N. Clayton, of Withcall, in Lincolnshire. He was born on March 28th, 1866, and when twelve years old commenced to hunt with the Burton, then under the Mastership of Mr. F. J. S. Foljambe.

Mr. N. C.
Cockburn
—Master,
1895-1904.

Mr. Cockburn was educated at Eton and at Christ Church, Oxford. At the University he whipped in to the Christ Church Beagles in 1886, and one year later became Captain of the University Polo Team. From Oxford he hunted with the Bicester and the South Oxfordshire, keeping his own hunters in the town. He indulged a good deal in athletics, and rowed a dead heat for the Christ Church Junior Sculls. Taking his B.A. degree in 1889, he left the University the same year, and read for the Bar in London with the late Mr. Aspinall, K.C. Mr. Cockburn was, however, never called, for his grandfather died shortly after, and relinquishing the idea of a legal career, he took up the pleasures of sport in Lincolnshire. He rented Hartsholme, hunting regularly with the Blankney. In 1895 he purchased the hounds from the country, and became Master. Mr. Cockburn took over also that part of the Blankney territory which had been hunted by Mr. Wilson, and the country has existed from that time as it is at present constituted. Mr. Cockburn's first change was to raise the standard and the number of the hounds. The existing pack of thirty-six couples he increased to sixty couples, mainly with the Goodwood dog hounds, then in the market, and some bitches from the Grafton. He kept Capell as huntsman for one season and took on George Shepherd, who had whipped in to Mr. Rawnsley, of the Southwold, for fourteen seasons. Unfortunately, after Mr. Cockburn had been Master only two seasons, the scarcity of foxes in the country threatened sport to such an extent that he decided to resign. His Mastership, however, had been such a success and his popularity so general that he was persuaded to continue after receiving a petition signed by a thousand tenant farmers of Lincolnshire; surely a record testimonial. His later years of Mastership turned out as great a success as before, and in 1902 he was joined by Lord Londesborough. Two years later Mr. Cockburn sold the pack to Mr. Edgar Lubbock and retired. Having altered the hunting days per week from three to four, Mr. Cockburn saw a bigger proportionate increase in the number of foxes killed. His yearly kills from 1895 to 1904 were 59, 53, 54, 57, 52, 70, 62, 72, and 66. On his resignation the members of the Hunt presented the Master with a further testimonial, with which he purchased a piece of plate, and devoted the rest of the money to the planting of a covert near Carlton-le-Moorland, now known as Cockburn's Covert.

Mr. Cockburn's best hunters were Brunette and Rory. He has always interested himself in the Turf, and has won some good races.

His first racer was The Toy. Cardonald and Poste Karte, by Poste Restante—Miskah were later horses who won several races for him. Harmston, by Galashiels—Miskah, won the West of Scotland Foal Stakes of 900 sovereigns at Ayr, Breeders' Two-Year-Old Plate of £700 at Kempton, and Redcar Two-Year-Old Plate of £500 in 1905. Mr. Cockburn's horses now in training are Eira, Noturnia, c. by Love Wisely—Trysting Stone, and a c. by Menstead—Legbail.

During the last year or two he has added big-game shooting to his achievements, and in his two expeditions to Central Africa and round the world in 1906 and 1907 he has been successful in securing almost every known variety of big game, including the record elephant killed in British East Africa, whose tusks weigh 131 and 124 pounds respectively.

Cricket is another of his pastimes, for Mr. Cockburn is a member of 1 Zingari, Eton Ramblers, and the Free Foresters. Every summer he fishes in Norway, where he shares a salmon river.

A busy public man, he is also a Major in the Lincolnshire Imperial Yeomanry, having joined when the regiment was first formed. The letters F.Z.S. are an appendix to his name, showing his lifelong devotion to natural history, and he is a J.P. and D.L. for his native county. He is a member of the Windham, Bachelors', and Boodle's Clubs, London.

**Mr. E.
Lubbock
—Master,
1904-07.**

According to Burke, the family of Lubbock or Lobuk has been settled in the district between Norwich and Cromer from very early times, and numerous descendants are still resident in the district of North Walsham and its surroundings. Robert Lobuk, of North Walsham, died there in 1493. Sir John Lubbock, first Baronet, was an opulent banker and merchant in the City of London, and was created a Baronet April 9th, 1806, with remainder, in default of male issue, to his nephew John William Lubbock, upon whom the baronetcy devolved. The subject of these notes, Mr. EDGAR LUBBOCK, who was a brother of Lord Avebury, and a direct descendant of the aforesaid nephew, was born February 22nd, 1817, and married June 26th, 1876, Amy Myddleton, only daughter of Mr. Christopher Gilbert Peacock, of Greatford Hall, Stamford. He was an LL.B. and Lieutenant for the City of London. A sportsman to the manner born, he turned his attention more particularly to foxhunting, and when Mr. Cockburn and Lord Londesborough gave up the Blankney country in 1904, he was requested to, and took over the Mastership of the pack, purchasing the hounds from Mr. Cockburn. During the first season he showed capital sport, his best run possibly taking place on November 19th, when hounds ran from Wellingore Gorse to Bloxholm, where reynard got to ground after 1 hour 45 minutes of good going.

Another fast thing occurred on December 17th, when they killed after a gallop of 1 hour 5 minutes, starting from Welbourn Low Fields.

Mr. Edgar Lubbock resigned the Blankney Mastership at the end of the season 1907, and died suddenly a few months later, in September of the same year.

**Lord C.
Cavendish-
Bentinck
—present
Master.**

LORD CHARLES CAVENDISH-BENTINCK, Master of the Blankney Hunt, is the son of the late Lieutenant-General Arthur Cavendish-Bentinck, and half-brother of the present Duke of Portland. He was born on October 7th, 1868.

Lord Charles' earliest hunting experiences took place with the Garth when about ten years old, at which time his father was living at East Court, Finchampstead, Berkshire. He went to Eton, where he was first whip to the College Beagles, and later joined the 9th Lancers through the Militia.

On the succession of the sixth Duke in 1879, Lord Charles took up his residence at Welbeck, and from there hunted with the Rufford and Grove. He then saw sport with the Leicestershire packs from Melton, and spent the seasons 1889-90 with the Cheshire packs. In Ireland he hunted on and off for six seasons with the Louth, Meath, Kildare, Tipperary, Kilkenny, and Carlow Foxhounds, and Ward Union Staghounds. He has, in fact, hunted at various times with over thirty different packs of foxhounds. He then accompanied his regiment to South Africa and India. Returning home on leave in 1899, he was almost immediately ordered to the front in South Africa, and was one of the besieged in Mafeking, where he was wounded.

In 1901 Lord Charles came back to England, and was appointed Adjutant of the Gloucestershire Yeomanry, when he followed the Duke of Beaufort's, Berkeley, and "V.W.H." packs. Three years later he became Commandant of the Yeomanry School at Aldershot, and subsequently Instructor of the Cavalry School at Netheravon, Salisbury Plain. He eventually quitted the Service in 1906 with the rank of major.

Lord Charles, on his retirement, took up his residence at Scopwick House, Lincoln, in the heart of the Blankney country, and joined the late Mr. Edgar Lubbock in the Mastership of those hounds. He became sole Master on Mr. Lubbock's death in 1907, and still continues in office.

Lord Charles hunts the hounds himself. The pack consists of about forty-eight couples, with kennels at Blankney, on the improvement of which the Committee have recently spent a considerable sum.

Polo is another pastime to which the Master of the Blankney was ardently devoted. Formerly he played for his regiment in the Inter-Regimental Tournaments, both in England and India, winning the cup at Hurlingham in 1896.

Lady Charles Cavendish-Bentinck, who was formerly Miss Cicely Mary, daughter of Mr. Charles Seymour Grenfell, of "Elibank," Taplow, has hunted for several seasons, and is well known in Lincolnshire; she takes a keen interest in the welfare of the Blankney Hunt.

Lord Charles Bentinck is a member of the Naval and Military, and White's Clubs.

Born in Yorkshire on August 1st, 1855, Mr. CECIL HENRY WRAY, of Ling Moor, Swinderby, is the second son of the late Reverend William Wray, of Braffords, Yorkshire, who himself was known to the followers of the Holderness. Mr. Wray was blooded by the late Mr. James Hall, of the Holderness, with which pack he experienced all his earlier hunting.

Mr. C. H.
Wray—
Hon. Sec.

On completing his studies at Harrow, he went to France to finish his education, and after three years returned to Yorkshire, where he looked after the estates of his grandfather, the Reverend Canon George Wray, of York, until 1878. Mr. Wray married in the same year, Edith, the daughter of the Rev. George Pease, Rector of Routh, and took Thurlby Hall, in the Blankney country, in 1880. He has since hunted regularly with that pack and the Belvoir. He became Secretary of the Blankney in 1897, succeeding Captain Nevile Reeve.

Mr. Wray's best hunters were Pullman, who carried him for eleven seasons, and Jimmy, bought respectively from Mr. N. C. Cockburn and Mr. Jarvis.

Mr. Wray is a keen all-round sportsman; he has had some good salmon fishing in Norway, and is a J.P. for the Kesteven and Lindsey divisions of Lincolnshire.



MR. C. H. WRAY.

MR. HUBERT DOWNES CHERRY-DOWNES, who has recently taken the name of Downes, under the will of the late Mr. William Walley Downes, of Stoke Manor, Cheshire, lives at Southfield House, Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, and is the owner of about one thousand acres of pasture land, in the neighbourhood of Nantwich, Cheshire. He is the third son of the late Reverend Benjamin Newman Cherry, B.A., of Brickendon Grange, Hertfordshire, and Rector of Clipsham, Rutland. Educated at Winchester, he subsequently went into the malting business. In 1901 he married Adeline Rachael, the only daughter of Colonel Hanbury Barclay, of Tingrith Manor, Bedfordshire. Mrs. Cherry-Downes is a well-known figure with the Blankney, Rufford and Lord Harrington's, and their eldest son Arthur, is a promising little sportsman of six years of age.

Mr. H. D.
Cherry-
Downes.

When Mr. Cherry-Downes was a boy of eight, he began his knowledge of hunting with the

Cottesmore, and followed this pack for the next ten years. In 1900 he came to live in Newark and became a member of the Blankney, with which pack he has hunted up to the present time, averaging two days a week. Some of his horses have been real good ones, and tribute must be paid to Katerfelto, a grey, standing 16.1, and one of the best known hunters in Lincolnshire. Mention must also be made of Black Maria, 15.3, a fine performer over water. She once cleared a drain close to



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MR. AND MRS. H. D. CHERRY-DOWNES.

Coleby measuring twenty-four and a-half feet. Both these good horses are still going strong and appear in the illustration with Mr. Cherry-Downes on the former, whilst the latter is carrying Mrs. Cherry-Downes.

Mr. Cherry-Downes has also hunted with Lord Harrington's, the Rufford, the Belvoir, the Meynell, the Burton, Southwold, Fitzwilliam, Croome, Brocklesby and the Cheshire.

LORD WALTER HERVEY, late lieutenant of the Loyal Suffolk Hussars, was born on January 29th, 1865, and is the son of the late Lord Augustus Charles Hervey, M.P. for West Suffolk. In 1903 he

Lord W.
Hervey.

**Lord W.
Hervey.**

married the Hon. Hilda Calthorpe, third daughter of Lord Calthorpe, of Elvetham, Winchester, Hampshire.

A regular follower of the Blankney for many years, and not unknown with the Belvoir over the same period, he has been the fortunate owner of Wanderer, purchased from Lord Dunraven, and Woodfold, from Robert Verburgh, M.P., the former winning the Blankney Point-to-Point in 1896, and the latter in 1899.

He is a member of the Wellington Club, and lives at Balderton Old Hall, Newark, Notts.

**The late
Mr. S. J. K.
Marsland.**

The late MR. SAMUEL JOHN KERCHEVAL MARSLAND, Mayor of Newark, of The Grove, Winthorpe, Nottinghamshire, was the son of the late Rev. Kercheval Marsland, of Beckingham, Nottinghamshire. He was educated at Coopers Hill, where he studied engineering in all its branches. His mother was a sister of the late Dean Hole.

He began hunting, as a boy, with the Rufford, which he followed for upwards of fifteen seasons. Coming to live at Newark, he became a member of the Belvoir and the Blankney—with which he hunted until the time of his death, in 1900.

Two of his finest hunters were Alabaster, and The Lodger. The former, one of the best ever seen in the Blankney country, was a chestnut thoroughbred, while the latter was a big flea-bitten chestnut, who once jumped the River Brant.

Mr. Marsland took part in a few points-to-points, and when at College entered for many rowing and running competitions, his successes in which are attested to by silver cups, etc., gained therein.

He was well known as a fine gardener, and a good shot; he was one of the best-known hunting men in his country, and was a member of the Junior Constitutional Club.



THE LATE MR. S. J. K. MARSLAND.

**Mr. E. K.
Marsland.**

MR. EDWARD KERCHEVAL MARSLAND (Town Councillor), of Collingham, Nottinghamshire, is the son of the late Samuel John Kercheval Marsland, of Winthorpe, Nottinghamshire (late Mayor of Newark) and a grand-nephew of the late Dean Hole, of rose-growing fame. He was educated at Uppingham, and is now Managing Director of the well-known brewing firm trading as James Hole & Co., Ltd., of Newark, Nottinghamshire.

He began hunting with the Blankney when only eight years old, and has followed these hounds ever since, varied by a few days with the Rufford, Belvoir, and Lord Harrington's. The Hermit, an Irish horse, standing 16.1, has carried his master for the past five seasons, and is well-known in this country as an exceptionally clever negotiator of water and timber; he has also a fine turn of speed, carrying his rider into the first flight.

Mr. Marsland is a keen motorist, and very fond of cricket and shooting, when no hunting is to be had. He is a member of the Grosvenor Club, Piccadilly, W.



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MR. E. K. MARSLAND.

**Mr.
E. H.
Nevile.**

MR. EDWARD HORATIO NEVILE is the son of the late Mr. Christopher Nevile, of Thorney Hall, Nottinghamshire; he was born there in 1847. This property, it may be mentioned, has been in the family possession for three centuries.

After leaving Eton Mr. Nevile finished his education at the Agricultural College, Cirencester, and subsequently took one of his father's farms, which he worked successfully for twelve years. Removing to Skellingthorpe in 1882, he turned his attention more particularly to breeding shire horses. Considerable success attended his efforts, and three of them, a two-year-old filly, Barnmaid, Golden Lassie, and Lincoln Lion were sold for 800 guineas apiece, the last named for the Argentine.

Mr. E. H. Nevile.



MR. E. H. NEVILE.

Early introduced to the hunting field, Mr. Nevile first hunted with the Burton, under Lord Henry Bentinck. He had a grey gelding, Patch by name, who carried him for twelve seasons without a fall.

When Mr. Jarvis hunted the Doddington side of the Blankney, Mr. Nevile acted as Honorary Secretary from 1881 to 1891. All his life he has lived in Lincolnshire; at the age of five he began hunting and for the past fifty-five years has never missed a season. A member of Boodle's, he lives at Skellingthorpe Manor, Lincoln.

Though CAPTAIN WILLIAM COAPE OATES' name is probably better known in the shooting world, and particularly wild-fowl shooting, than in the hunting field, he has been a sufficiently keen follower of hounds during his residence in Nottinghamshire to be considered a staunch supporter of the Blankney Hunt. Captain Oates was born on July 7th, 1862, eldest son of the late Mr. William Henry Coape Oates, of Langford Hall, Nottinghamshire, an ardent cricketer, fisherman and shot in his day, though never associating himself much with the chase. Educated at Harrow, he afterwards studied with a crammer, and entered Sandhurst, where he was Captain of the Cricket and a member of the Football Eleven.

Captain W.C. Oates.

In 1882 he entered the Royal Munster Fusiliers, serving first in Malta, and afterwards in India. In 1895 he was stationed at Tralee, and enjoyed his earliest experiences of foxhunting, and later, when quartered at the Curragh, hunted two seasons with the Kildare; subsequently two more with the Dubhallow and United from Fermoy. In 1899 the Captain started to follow the Blankney, from his own estate, finishing the season, however, in Ireland.

After serving through the South African War he came home and quitted the Army on full pension in 1902, since when he has devoted his hunting days entirely to the Blankney. Of a great number of good horses he has owned, Twilight, by Prince Arthur, probably the most notable, is now over twenty years old and still hunts regularly. Grantham, a more recent acquisition, is also a staunch performer.

As a notable shot, space only permits casual mention here of Captain Oates' prowess. He has specialized in wild duck shooting, on which sport he is properly regarded as an authority, and has added a volume on that subject to the sportsman's library. He formed one of the eight guns who secured the second record bag of partridges, consisting of 750 brace in one day, on Mr. Hollins' estate at Berry Hill in 1906.



CAPTAIN W. C. OATES.

Captain Oates is also devoted to cricket, having played in the early eighties for Notts county on several occasions.

He is a J.P. for Nottinghamshire, and in addition to his residence, Besthorpe Hall, owns the bigger estate of Calverton Hall, near Nottingham.

Captain Oates married in 1894, Louise, daughter of Mr. Harry Kynaston Kerr, of a well-known Scottish family, who, like her forbears, is a keen sportswoman, and as fond of hunting as her husband.

He is a member of the Naval and Military Club, and the M.C.C.

**Mr. A. J. F.
Platt.**

MR. ALGERNON JOHN FREDERICK PLATT, of Barnby Manor, Newark, son of the late Mr. Frederick Platt, D.L., J.P., late Master of the North Herefordshire Foxhounds, of Sugwiss Court, White Cross, Hereford, was born on June 11th, 1875, and educated at Eton.

He commenced hunting with the Blankney, which he regularly followed until about 1905, besides having occasional days with the Belvoir, Rufford, and the South Nottinghamshire.

One of his finest hunters was The Pig, which was in the family for many years, and was ridden for thirteen seasons.

**Mr. H.
Thorpe.**

MR. HAROLD THORPE, of Coddington Manor, Newark, J.P. for Nottinghamshire, Captain in the Sherwood Rangers, son of the late Colonel John Thorpe, J.P., D.L., of Coddington Hall, Newark, was born on April 17th, 1875. He was educated at Eton and New College, Oxford. Subsequently taking up the business of malting, he is now the managing partner of the old established firm of Thorpe and Sons, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

He has been a member of the Blankney Committee since 1906, and has regularly followed these hounds since he was ten years old, having occasional days with the neighbouring packs.

One of his best hunters was The Major, an Irish-bred horse, 16.3, which he rode for six seasons.

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The Earl Fitzwilliam's (The Grove) Hounds, 1908.

EARL FITZWILLIAM'S (THE GROVE).

THE GROVE, as now constituted, is a sufficiently old and well established country, having existed since the year 1827. Before this date it was hunted in sections, as far back as the beginning of the previous century. From the years 1832 to 1837, Mr. G. Savile Foljambe worked the Grove side of the country only; Colonel Fullerton (grandfather of the late Master of the Badsworth), as Chairman of the Committee, hunting the Sandbeck side with a scratch pack. In 1837, Mr. Foljambe resumed the Mastership of the whole country.

There is a chronicle of noted Masters as follows:—

Richard, sixth Earl of Scarborough, hunted the country from 1807 to 1822, and was followed by Mr. George Savile Foljambe, from 1822 to 1845. Then came sixth Viscount Galway, from 1845 to 1846, and Mr. Richard Lumley (afterwards ninth Earl of Scarborough), from 1846 to 1858. The sixth Viscount Galway again took the hounds for eighteen years, 1858 to 1876, and, upon his death, was followed by his successor, seventh Viscount Galway, 1876 to 1907. In the last-named year Lord Galway retired, selling his hounds to Earl Fitzwilliam, and lending him the Serlby kennels.

The kennels were for many years at Grove, near Retford, but new kennels were built at Serlby in 1887.

The *New Sporting Magazine* of the period says, in 1840:—"Mr. Foljambe's country is most gentlemanlike to ride over. Enclosures large and fences not difficult; foxes abounding—forty brace being killed up to January 1st, with plenty left to finish the season, handsomely."

Sir John Barber Mill purchased the Sandbeck pack in 1837, to hunt one day a week in Flants.

In 1835, Mr. Foljambe purchased Lord Scarborough's hounds for 600 guineas, at a time when, had they come to the hammer, they would have caused great competition. The following year the Sandbeck Hounds were about to be given up. "Had this been so," said *Bell's Life* at the time, "Butler, the huntsman, one of the cleverest fellows in England, would have been out of a place; Mr. Fullerton then being Master, and hunting also a part of Notts."

The Grove country embraces an area of about twenty-five miles from north to south, and thirty miles from east to west, and lies in the counties of Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, and Derbyshire. On the north, it adjoins the territory of the Badsworth; on the west, that of Earl Fitzwilliam's (Wentworth); on the south, the Rufford; and on the east, the Burton and Blankney countries.

There are three distinct soils—sand, limestone, and clay. In the two latter there is a very fair amount of galloping grass, but no moorland. Some wire exists, but a Committee deals with this dangerous obstacle in a highly creditable manner, and a large portion of the obstruction is removed during the hunting season.

The best centres are Bawtry, Retford, and Worksop. From the last mentioned, meets of the Rufford can be reached.

The hounds are a very fine pack of fifty-five couples, dogs and bitches, hunting four days a week, with an occasional bye-day. The kennels are at Serlby, Nottinghamshire, not far from Bawtry, on the Great Northern Railway, three miles distant.

The Master is Earl Fitzwilliam, of Wentworth Woodhouse, Rotherham, Yorkshire; the Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. I. Beever, "The Mantles," Ranskill, Bawtry; and the Honorary



SAM MORGAN.

Secretary of Hunt, Wire, and General Purposes Committee, Mr. R. C. Otter, Royston Manor, Clayworth, Retford.

In the season 1908-09, the Hunt servants are Frank Bartlett, huntsman; Tom Lockey, first whipper-in; and F. Redfern (from the Ledbury), second whipper-in.

F. Bartlett, the huntsman, was for twenty-three years huntsman to Lord Fitzwilliam's Hounds at Wentworth. Previous to that he was first whipper-in to the Bramham Moor, under Tom Smith; and previous to that, again, was with the Burton, when Mr. Foljambe was Master (1871-80). When Lord Fitzwilliam took the Grove, in 1907, he made Bartlett huntsman, transferring Sam Morgan, then with the Grove, to Wentworth; Bartlett and Morgan thus exchanged places as huntsmen.

Tom Lockey, first whipper-in, was two years second whip at Wentworth, and was then promoted to first, in which capacity he served three seasons, very usefully, at Wentworth, and finally went with Bartlett to the Grove.

Capping is not practised with the Grove, but all who hunt regularly with the pack, with the usual exceptions, are expected to subscribe.

Mr. G. S.
Foljambe
—Master,
1822-45.

MR. GEORGE SAVILE FOLJAMBE, of Osberton Hall, near Worksop, made a great, indeed, one of the greatest marks in the history of foxhunting during his time. For nearly half a century he hunted in what was called the Osberton country, now known as the Grove, and from 1822 to 1845 was Master of the celebrated pack. His country included the north of Nottinghamshire, a piece of Yorkshire, the north-eastern part of Derbyshire, and that part known as "The Dukery."

One of the best judges of hounds in his day, he, with two other experts, Messrs. Wickstead and Hodgson, made a practice of showing some of their new entry for a most appropriate prize, which consisted of a piece of scarlet cloth for hunting coats.

A quotation from a letter in *Notitia Venatica* meets a position which possibly few among the more modern of our hunting men would be able to supply, thus:—

"Osberton, April 11th, 1844.

"My dear Sir, In answer to your enquiries about the descent of my hounds, I beg to inform you that I purchased the pack of Richard, sixth Earl of Scarborough, in 1822, when, by reason of his advancing years and infirmities, he found himself no longer able to devote his attention to the management of his hounds. At the time of the transfer of the pack to me they were kept at Sandbeck Park, and hunted the same country that is now in my occupation; but previous to Lord Scarborough succeeding to his title he had, as Mr. Lumley Savile, kept his hounds at Rufford Abbey, in Notts, and hunted what is called the Rufford country, which lays to the south and immediately joins this. But upon the death of his elder brother (the fifth Earl) he was obliged to give up Rufford and the accompanying estates to his next brother, the Hon. and Rev. John Lumley, and withdraw his pack to Sandbeck, having previously to this kept his hounds at Rufford many years, and I believe the pack were in possession both of his father and Sir George Savile (his maternal uncle). Upon Richard Lord Scarborough removing his pack to Sandbeck, the successor to Rufford (his next brother above mentioned) established a pack at Rufford, which he also continued both as the Hon. and Rev. John Lumley Savile, and afterwards as seventh Earl of Scarborough, when it was decided by law that he had a right to keep possession of the Savile estates (contrary to the express intention of the will of his maternal uncle, the late Sir George Savile). Upon the decease of the said John, the seventh Earl, in 1835, his hounds were kept successively by Lord Henry Bentinck and Lord Galway, and were sold by the latter to Sir Matthew W. Ridley in 1837. I have been obliged to enter into these particulars to prevent the confusion which might naturally arise from the circumstance of there being two Lord Scarborougs and two Mr. Lumley Saviles, who respectively and separately kept two distinct packs in adjoining counties. I believe the pack I now possess were originally bred more from the old Monson pack, and are, in consequence, at this time more closely and fully related to Mr. Osbaldeston's than any pack of hounds in England, a relationship which I think so highly of that I have returned to

the Osbaldeston kennel, and crossed deeply with them during the last ten years, both with Ranter and through the Duke of Rutland's kennel through the Chorister sort. Ranter, by the way, is as much of the Duke's blood as Osbaldeston's, being a son of Furrier, who was bred at Belvoir.

Mr. G. S.
Foljambe.

"Believe me, yours truly,

G. S. FOLJAMBE.

"To Robert T. Viner, Esq."

THE RIGHT HON. GEORGE EDWARD ARUNDELL MONCKTON ARUNDELL, SIXTH VISCOUNT GALWAY in the peerage of Ireland, was born on March 1st, 1805, educated at Harrow, and Christ Church, Oxford, succeeded his father in 1834 as a Deputy Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, and was a Lord-in-Waiting in 1852. Introduced to the hunting field long before he went to school, Lord Galway made sport, athletics, and classical attainment go hand in hand, and at the same time he was studying for his degree at Oxford was taking an oar in the Christ Church boat, which was then at the head of the river. After leaving the University he turned his attention to hunting. His first experience as a Master of Hounds was when he succeeded Lord H. Bentinck in the Rufford country. After holding that position for a couple of seasons, he resigned in 1838. In 1845, the Grove country became vacant in consequence of the retirement of that great sportsman, Mr. George Savile Foljambe, owing to blindness.

Sixth
Viscount
Galway
—Master,
1845-46;
1858-76.



THE SIXTH VISCOUNT GALWAY.

The sixth Viscount was a very keen man on the flags, so he arranged to buy Mr. Foljambe's pack and hunt the Grove country. This included the whole of the Sandbeck district, and for many years hunted by Lord Scarborough, and what was known as "The Dukery," so named after the Dukes of Norfolk, Newcastle, and Portland. Lord Galway was at the time no novice in the country, having managed the hounds for his predecessor during the season 1841-42. The hounds were kennelled at Grove, near Retford, hence the name they bore at the time, and the country extended round Grove, Bawtry, and Retford, and ran up to Doncaster.

A fine rider, but no "thruster," he was not only a keen judge of hounds, but hunted them with the capacity of a professional. With both the Rufford and Grove he carried the horn, and accounted for most of the foxes. He was one of the best game shots of his day, and preserved many acres to enjoy the sport. His Lordship, who married his cousin, Miss Milnes, a sister of Lord Houghton, was succeeded by his son, the present peer, in 1876.



THE NINTH EARL OF SCARBOROUGH.

Born on March 7th, 1813, the NINTH EARL OF SCARBOROUGH was educated at Eton and Oxford, when, after completing his career academical, he was gazetted to the 7th Hussars, quitting it when he was "translated" to the Upper House by the death of his cousin, the eighth Earl, in 1856. Hunting very early, the passion for horse and hound grew with years, and, as became one of the family, he took an opportunity of becoming a Master of Hounds upon the first occasion at offer. In 1846, he took over the Grove, one of the best-bred packs of the day, and continued to hunt it until 1858, when a stroke of paralysis robbed the saddle of a good all-

Ninth Earl
of Scar-
borough
—Master,
1846-58.

round man. The covert-side missed him as a matter of course, but from his phaeton he passed the best time of day to many friends.

To refer to his Turf experiences hardly belongs to the compass of these pages, but the Tickhill Stud Farm was a power in its day, and the yearlings at high request when Doncaster

**Ninth Earl
of Scar-
borough.**

was the great mart of England. Langar, Cardinal Puff, Hetman Platoff, Rataplan, and Newminster were all associated with Tickhill.

In 1846, his Lordship married Miss Drummond, the daughter of Mr. Andrew Drummond, the eminent banker. He died in 1881, having never really recovered from a bad accident in the hunting field.

**Seventh
Viscount
Galway
—Master,
1876-1907.**

GEORGE EDWARD MILNES MONCKTON ARUNDELL, SEVENTH VISCOUNT GALWAY, was born in 1844, and educated at Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford (B.A. and 2nd class in Law and Modern History, 1866). A Deputy Lieutenant and magistrate for Nottinghamshire, he is Colonel Commanding the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry and was M.P. for North Nottinghamshire. Before leaving Oxford he hunted for one season the harriers named after his college, and the same year won the Christ Church "Grind" — a sure indication that his classical attainments had not interfered with sporting proclivities. The love of sport was hereditary, and hunting began in boyhood. In 1876, he succeeded his father to the Mastership of the family pack. It is related of his predecessor in the title that when he was Member for East Retford he paid strict attention to Parliamentary duties, and had been known upon occasions to vote upon a division in the House at one or two o'clock in the morning, get to King's Cross, catch the newspaper train, and, reaching Nottingham for an early breakfast, be at covert side with his hounds in ample time for the meet. Like father, like son. The present Viscount was often known to follow a similar course; strictly attending to affairs of State, as became his family, he could never lose sight of their sporting traditions. There is, indeed, an old story extant that, when a boy, in the first letter he wrote to his grandfather he ventured to remark that he would much rather be a whipper-in than go to a private tutor; the fact that he afterwards took honours is, therefore, the more meritorious.

Viscount Galway, on taking over hounds, retained the services of "Flying" Jack Morgan as kennel huntsman (for whom, by the way, £800 had just previously been collected in the Hunt), Viscount Galway took the horn himself. A first-rate man over a stiff country, his capacity for appreciating the working of hounds enables him to be well up at the finish in the fastest things. A fine hand with the gun, Lord Galway has extensive shootings in various parts of the country. His principal seat is Serlby Hall, Bawtry, Yorkshire.

**Earl
Fitzwilliam
—present
Master.**

A full biographical sketch of the RIGHT HON. WILLIAM CHARLES DE MEURON WENTWORTH FITZWILLIAM, SEVENTH EARL, who, in 1907, took over the Mastership of the Grove, will be found under the history of the family (Wentworth) Hunt, in another volume of the work.

**Mr. J. I.
Beevor
—Hon.
Sec.**



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MR. J. I. BEEVOR.

MR. JOHN INGRAM BEEVOR, the Secretary of the Grove Hunt, has been a follower of the pack from boyhood, when the country was hunted by Lord Galway's Hounds. The third son of the late Mr. John Grosvenor Beevor, J.P., of Barnby Moor, Retford, he was born December 18th, 1877, and educated at Cheltenham.

Mr. Beevor has held the Secretaryship of the Grove since 1902. With the exception of occasional days with other packs, all his hunting has been done with these hounds. He is keen on all out-door sports; is a member of the Grosvenor Club, and lives at Ranskill, Bawtry, Yorkshire.

**Mr. W.
H. Berry**

MR. WILLIAM HENRY BERRY, of Brimcliffe House, Sheffield, the son of Mr. Thomas Berry, of Grove House, Worksop, was born on September 12th, 1864. He was educated at the Gainsborough Grammar School and in France, eventually becoming managing director of Messrs. Thomas Berry & Co., Ltd., Brewers, Sheffield. When the present Lord Galway became Master of the Grove in 1876, Mr. Berry gained his first experience of hunting with these hounds. He has ridden his present

roan mare Gipsy for six seasons, and his two previous hunters carried him for a like period, he has, therefore, the extraordinary record of having hunted nearly twenty years on no more than three horses.

Mr. W. H. Berry.

Mr. Berry is a keen golf player, and is a member of the Sheffield and District Golf Club, Lindrick.

MR. ALBERT EDWARD BINGHAM, who was born on November 23rd, 1868, is the son of Colonel Sir John Bingham, Baronet, V.D., J.P., of Sheffield. He was educated at Blair Lodge, Scotland, and subsequently became a partner in his father's business (manufacturing silversmiths and cutlers), known as Messrs. Walker & Hall, of Sheffield. He married Lucy, daughter of the late Mr. D. L. McAllum, of Gosforth, Northumberland. Mr. Bingham began riding at a very early age, but did not hunt regularly until later in life, when he followed Lord Fitzwilliam's Wentworth pack for six seasons; he then became a member of Viscount Galway's (the

Mr. A. E. Bingham.



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MR. W. H. BERRY.

Grove) Hunt. The best of his horses at the present time is Egypt II. (*Stud Book*) one of Lord Galway's breeding, and at one time the property of the Hon. George Monckton Arundell; this horse won the Life Guards' Point-to-Point at Hawthorn Hill in 1907. Sandy, by Skedaddle—Delight, is another brilliant all-round performer.

Mr. Bingham takes a keen interest in volunteering, and has been in the West Yorkshire R.E. (Volunteers), now the West Riding Divisional Royal Engineers, since 1886. From 1900 to 1906, he acted as adjutant, and is now second in command with the rank of major. His daughter, Esmé, when no more than twelve years old, was well known with the Grove, and gives every indication of becoming an excellent horsewoman.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. A. E. BINGHAM AND HIS DAUGHTER.

Mr. Bingham walks puppies for the Hunt, and takes an active interest in all out-door sports. He is a member of the Junior Constitutional, lives at Ranby House, Retford, Nottinghamshire, and owns property in Sheffield.

CAPTAIN GEORGE TREVOR-ROPER COOK, of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, and adjutant of the Sherwood Forest Rangers, was born August 11th, 1877. He is the son of Mr. George Ward Cook, J.P., of Hoylake, Cheshire, and Hanford, Worcestershire. Educated at Malvern College and Sandhurst, he began hunting with the Wirrall Harriers when a boy of six. Then followed a few seasons with his father's draghounds, and experiences with the North Hereford and Ludlow Foxhounds. Quartered at York from 1897 to 1899, he hunted with the York and Ainsty, and when at Dundalk, whipped-in to the Regimental Harriers, and followed the Louth. In Ireland, the Curragh, Meath, and Ward Union engaged his attention. Ordered to South Africa, he served against the Boers in 1900-01, and later, towards the close of the war, for which he received the Queen's medal with clasps. On returning to England, he took a turn with the packs in Worcestershire, and afterwards, his regiment being ordered to Ireland, he saw plenty of sport with the Duhallow, United, the Muskerry, and Limerick. Since then he has followed Lord Zetland's, the Cleveland, Hurworth, and the Grove. Mrs. Cook, who is the youngest daughter of Mr. Arthur J. Dorman, J.P.,

Captain G. T.-R. Cook.

**Captain
G. T.-R.
Cook.**

Alderman for the North Riding of Yorkshire in 1902, is a well-known follower of the Cleveland, and a most accomplished horsewoman. Some of Captain Cook's best horses were Molly Bawn, The Bleater, and Captivating Coon, the trio all being good at both timber and water. Captain Cook formerly did much riding between the flags, and when with his regiment in Great Britain and South Africa played polo regularly. He is a member of the Cavalry and Royal Liverpool Golf Clubs, and resides at Barnby Moor Lodge, Retford.

**Colonel H.
Denison.**

A constant follower of the Grove for many years, whenever his military duties have permitted, is COLONEL HENRY DENISON, J.P., of Eaton Hall, Retford, who has for the past four years commanded the Sherwood Rangers Imperial Yeomanry.

Colonel Denison was born in March, 1847. He is the son of the late Mr. Stephen Charles Denison, Deputy Judge Advocate-General. Educated at Rugby, he subsequently entered the Royal Engineers in 1867. Retiring twenty years later with the rank of colonel, he interested himself in the Yeomanry, and has been connected with the Sherwood Rangers, of which he is now colonel, for many years. He married the daughter of the late Mr. Pierce Taylor, of East Ogwell, Devonshire. His sons and daughter are well known in the hunting field.

The Grove was the first pack with which Colonel Denison hunted in the days of his boyhood, at the beginning of the second Mastership of the sixth Viscount Galway, after whose name the Hunt is called, and he has been constant to the pack ever since, except when his duties have taken him too far afield. He has ever been known as an active and keen sportsman. He spent four seasons at Gibraltar, where he saw sport with the Calpé, and for five seasons, when quartered in Ireland, he hunted with the Ward Union, Meath, and Kildare.

The Colonel has been very successful as a breeder of hunters for his own use. One of the best he ever owned was a fine black horse, named Don Quixote, who carried him over every obstacle, and for whom no day was too long. Colonel Denison is a keen shot, and fond of all field sports; when at Bermuda, he spent a considerable time in yachting. He is a member of the Naval and Military, the Carlton, and other Clubs.



COLONEL H. DENISON.

**Mr. A.
Eadon.**

MR. ALFRED EADON has been a regular follower of the Grove Hounds for many years, starting to hunt regularly when the seventh Viscount Galway controlled the country. Since residing at



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MISS EADON.



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MR. A. EADON.

Morthen Hall, he has taken an active part on the Wire Committee of this Hunt, and also that of Earl Fitzwilliam's neighbouring Hunt, the Wentworth. He is to be seen at most of the meets of

the above-named packs, whenever they happen to be within reach of his residence, being generally accompanied by his daughter, Miss Margery Eadon, who was "entered" to hunting when quite a child.

Mr. A.
Eadon.

Born in August, 1861, Mr. WILLIAM CROSSLEY EASTERFIELD is a son of Mr. Jabez Easterfield.

Mr. W. C.
Easterfield



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MR. W. C. EASTERFIELD.

Educated privately, he has devoted most of his life to sport, and hunting in particular. Beginning as a lad with the Grove, he extended operations to the principal packs in the Midlands. With some useful hunters always in his stables, the best of them, beyond question, was Ivan, on whom he hunted no less than sixteen seasons.

Mr. Easterfield is an occasional contributor to *The Field* and other leading sporting periodicals. He resides at Worksop.

Mr. SAMUEL HAIGH, of Lyndhurst, Retford, son of the late Mr. John Crawshaw Haigh, of Marsh, Huddersfield, was born on January 22nd, 1852. He commenced hunting with the Grove, and has continually followed this pack since that time, with the exception of an occasional day or so with the Rufford. Among his hunters, Pansy—Victoria (a first prize winner), by Pansy Chief, which he rode for ten seasons, and Molly, by King John, dam

Mr. S.
Haigh.

by Lurgan, were the two best. Mr. Haigh is proprietor of the Crown Paper Works, Sheffield, and is a member of the Sheffield (King Street) Conservative, and the Retford Clubs.

Mr. GEORGE HENRY HALL is a son of the late Mr. Henry Hall, of North Lingfield, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and was born on October 21st, 1867. He was educated privately, and afterwards studied farming. He married Mary Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Mr. William Thorpe, of Tilsley, Derbyshire.

Mr. G. H.
Hall.

Hunting began when a boy, and he had a few seasons with the Rufford, which he followed in the holidays. Later on, when he went to live at Retford, he hunted with Lord Galway's Hounds, which are now known as the Grove, and has been an average two-days-a-week man with them ever since. He has also had a few days with the Rufford and the Wentworth.

Among the many good horses which he has owned at various times, the Irish horse Shelford, a wonderful jumper, whom he rode for four seasons, was one of the best. Mr. Hall has often entered his own hunters in various steeplechases. He has also been very successful as a breeder of hackneys, taking numerous prizes at the various local shows. One good run with the Grove, which Mr. Hall much appreciated, was a seven-mile point, when the fox was run into on the lawn at Holmhurst. His daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Hall, though only fourteen, is well known with the Grove, on her favourite, Beauty. Mr. Hall is fond of all outdoor sports, and lives at Holmhurst, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, in which county he owns several other properties.



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MR. S. M. HALL.

Mr. S.
M. Hall.

Mr. SYDNEY MARRIOT HALL was born April, 1866, at Thorpe Hall, Yorkshire, and is the son of the late Mr. Marriot Hall, who was a good sportsman and keen hunting man. After his education he joined his father on the farm. His first experience with hounds was as a boy of six years with old Lord Galway's. He now farms some 400 acres around his home, Shireoaks Hall, Worksop.

Mr. J. E. H.
Hirst.

Commencing at an early age, on his favourite pony, Lincoln, to follow Lord Galway's Hounds, MR. JOHN EDGAR HURST HIRST has hunted all his life in the same country, now known as Lord Fitzwilliam's (the Grove). He has, moreover, been a member of the Hunt since 1898. Mr. J. E. Hurst Hirst is the son of Mr. John Abraham Hurst Hirst, J.P., C.C. (Notts), and Chairman of the East Retford Board of Guardians, of Moorgate Villa, Retford. He was born September 10th,



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MR. J. E. AND MISS M. A. J. HURST HIRST.

1875, and was educated at Durham School. Owning some fine horses, two of them, Welbeck and Ivanhoe, are worthy of mention. The former was bred by his father, out of a favourite mare, May, by York Minster, whom he rode for four seasons. Ivanhoe, depicted in the illustration, is by Ivanhoe I. (an excellent steeplechaser, and winner of King's Premiums), out of Kathleen, a winner of about thirty steeplechases, by Perpoint. Both of these horses are well known in the Grove country, and nothing in the way of jumps comes amiss to

either of them. As a breeder, Mr. Hirst has won some prizes in the ring of the various local shows for hackneys. He is equally successful with his smooth-haired fox-terriers (Redmond's strain), and in the poultry yard has, since 1903, been taking cups and prizes for his Leghorns, Minorcas, and Buff Orpingtons.

His only sister, Miss Mary Angeline Julia Hurst Hirst, is now well known with the Grove, with which pack she has hunted since her childhood. Her favourite hunter, Rajah, is the horse on whom she is shown in the illustration. She is a well known hockey player, and has played for Notts County since 1905. She is equally good at tennis and golf; in fact, there is not much in the way of outdoor sport which she does not engage in with like success.

Mr. H. S.
Hodding.

Mr. H. S. HODDING, of Harness Grove, Worksop, an important local solicitor, one of the senior members of the Hunt, has always been a keen follower to hounds, and has always had hunters of a useful stamp.

Mrs. Hodding is as fond of hunting as her husband, and is a prominent figure with the Grove.

Mr. M. D.
Holmes.

MR. MORRIS DALTON HOLMES was born on February 21st, 1871, and is the son of the late Mr. John Dalton Holmes, J.P. for Hull, in which city the former was born. Leys, and Clare College, Cambridge, provided his education. Mr. Holmes began his hunting career with the Badsworth, when Mr. J. H. S. Fullerton was Master, but, upon taking up his residence permanently at "The Hall," East Markham, Nottinghamshire, he at once turned his attention almost solely to Viscount Galway's, now Lord Fitzwilliam's (the Grove). He married, in 1900, Muriel, eldest daughter of Mr. George Kenyon, of Thorne, Yorkshire; Mrs. Dalton Holmes is often seen with the Grove. Mr. Holmes played in the Yorkshire County Lawn Tennis Six for four years in succession.



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MR. H. S. HODDING.

Mr. C. W.
Lister-
Kaye.

MR. CHARLES WILKINSON LISTER-KAYE, F.S.I., is the son of the late Colonel G. L. Lister-Kaye, 10th Hussars, of West Huntington Hall, Yorkshire. Born on March 28th, 1849, he was educated at St. Peter's, York, and, in 1881, married Lucy, daughter of the late Mr. John Champion, J.P., of Ranby House, Retford, Nottinghamshire.

When a child of six he began hunting with the York and Ainsty, then under the Mastership of the late Sir Charles Slingsby. Later on he went to Australia, where he stayed for ten years, and had some steeplechasing in Queensland. On returning to England in 1875, Mr. Hugh Christie, of Melbourne Hall, made him the agent for his estates in the East Riding, when he renewed his acquaintance with the York and Ainsty, hunting also with Lord Middleton's for a couple of seasons. He then became agent for the Right Hon. F. J. Savile Foljambe's estates in Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire, and, in 1878, went to live at Osberton. He became a member of the Grove Hunt, and has regularly followed the pack ever since, with the exception of a few odd days with the Rufford. He is a well-known judge of hunters and shorthorns. His two sons, the elder of whom has won a name for himself as a gentleman rider, and his daughter, Kathleen, now Mrs. Cecil Baines, are all fine riders, and are constant attendants with the Grove and the Rufford. Mr. Lister-Kaye is a member of the Yorkshire County Club, and lives at Scrofton, Worksop, Nottinghamshire.

Mr. C. W.
Lister-Kaye



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MR. C. W. LISTER-KAYE.

Born on March 11th, 1859, at Gateford Hall, Worksop, the family seat where he now resides, Mr. HENRY VESEY MACHIN is the son of the late Mr. John Vesey Machin. He was educated at Uppingham, but had unfortunately to leave that school early owing to a severe accident. A keen lover of sport, he began hunting when a little boy with the Grove, and has been so assiduous a follower of the pack since, that now there is no better-known figure in that country. For many years he acted as Secretary to the Hunt, and is now a keen preserver of foxes, the many coverts on his estate being well tenanted. His brother, Mr. Edward Machin, is as enthusiastic a follower of the hounds as himself. Hunting is Mr. Machin's chief sport; his pastime is horticulture, and he is more particularly known in the latter connection as a grower of some of the finest roses in England.

Mr. H. V.
Machin.



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MR. H. V. MACHIN.

MAJOR GRENFELL TODD-NAYLOR, son of the late Mr. Charles Todd-Naylor, of Holgate Lodge, York, was born on December 12th, 1846, and joined the York and Lancaster Regiment in 1871, retiring as major in 1895. In 1874, he married Frances, only daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Wilkinson (M.F.H. of the Hurworth Foxhounds), of Neasham Abbey, Darlington. He commenced hunting with the York and Ainsty Hounds, which he followed, off and on, for a few seasons. Since 1874, he has been a regular follower of the Grove Hounds, with the exception of an occasional day with Lord Middleton's, the Rufford, and the Bramham Moor. Two of his finest hunters were Rufus, by Laughing Stock, which he rode for fourteen seasons, and Ranger, by Young Stockwell, which he also rode for a like period.

Major G.
Todd-
Naylor.

Mr. HERBERT PEAKE, J.P., B.A., LL.M., is a son of the late Mr. Henry Peake, of Sleaford, Lincolnshire. He was born on September 4th, 1859, educated at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, studied for the law, and took his final degree in 1882. He married Evelyn Mary, eldest daughter of the late Hon. J. C. Dundas, M.P., J.P., D.L., of Popdale, Shetland, and brother of the late Lord Zetland. Mrs. Peake, her three sons, and her daughter, Eileen, are all well-known figures with the Grove Hounds.

Mr. H.
Peake.

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MR. H. PEAKE.

Mr. Peake first began hunting as a boy of ten; he was blooded by Frank Gillard, then huntsman of the Belvoir, and for ten seasons followed these hounds and the Blankney. The following three seasons he hunted with the Badsworth, but since 1898, with the exception of a few odd days with Lord Zetland's, the Bedale, and the Rufford, he has been a regular follower of the Grove. Of the many good horses Mr. Peake has had at different times, he gives first place to Nundy, a dun-coloured Irish horse, for whom no jump was too big or day too long. A keen shot, he has, at Bawtrey Hall, his beautiful place in Yorkshire, a private rifle range. He farms 500 acres, and is a captain in the Sherwood Rangers. He is a member of the Oxford and Cambridge, Junior Carlton, and the Yorkshire County Clubs.

Mr. G. F. Spencer.

Both horse and rider in the accompanying illustration have scored many victories under National Hunt Rules. Malvern Chase is by The Scout - Enterpe II., well-known to those interested in steeplechasing, and Mr. GEORGE FREDERICK SPENCER, an excellent horseman, has ridden in many points-to-points as well. His love of sport is inherited. His great-great-grandfather was a Master of

Foxhounds in Leicestershire about 150 years ago, and his grandfather, Mr. Henry Augustus Spencer, son of Mr. William Spencer, who came to Retford about 1770, was an enthusiastic breeder of thoroughbreds, although his efforts in this direction were, unfortunately, a failure from a financial point of view.

Mr. G. F. Spencer is a descendant of the Fitz-Clarence family, and was born on May 8th, 1883. The son of the late Mr. Henry Spencer, J.P., of Retford, Notts, he was educated at East Retford Grammar School, and afterwards studied agriculture, but is now in business in Retford and Worksop as an auctioneer and estate agent. He first became acquainted with the chase when he was eight years old, and followed Lord Galway's hounds on a donkey; then, while studying farming in Lincolnshire for five years, he hunted with the Burton and the Blankney. In 1904 he returned to Retford and became a member of the Grove, which he has followed regularly ever since, having an occasional day with the Rufford.

As a breeder and exhibitor of brood mares and hunters he has scored several successes at the local shows, one of the best hunters being White Eye, by Ballymore, who was well-known in the Grove country.

Besides hunting, he is very fond of shooting, boating, and tennis, and takes a lively interest in the Sherwood Rangers Imperial Yeomanry, with whom he served from 1902 to 1908. His residence is West Villa, Retford, Nottinghamshire.



MR. G. F. SPENCER.

Mr. Tom Smith.

MR. TOM SMITH, of Market Square, Retford, Nottinghamshire, a follower of the Grove Hounds, is the Secretary of a now very flourishing institution known as the "Hunt Race Meeting." This Society is kept up by yearly subscriptions given by the various members of the Grove Hunt, and materially helps to promote good feeling between the farmers and the members of the Grove, such as taking down of barbed wire, as well as the preservation of foxes.

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Mr. F. B. Wilkinson.

On his favourite hunter "Sportsman."

SIR ARCHIBALD WOLLASTON WHITE, Baronet, was born on October 11th, 1877, and is the son of the late Mr. W. K. White, of Tickhill, Yorkshire. He was educated at Wellington College, and Trinity College, Cambridge. He began hunting with the then Lord Galway's, and since 1907 has been a regular follower and member of the Grove. When at school, he was captain of the school eleven, and now plays for Yorkshire. When hunting is impracticable, shooting, fishing, motoring, golf, in fact all out-door sports occupy his attention. He is a large covert owner and preserver of foxes, and owns 4,000 acres. He lives at Wallingwells, Worksop, Nottinghamshire.

**Sir A. W.
White, Bt.**

Farming some 2,000 acres under the Duke of Portland, including much arable land, MR. FRANK BOOTH WILKINSON, of Cavendish Lodge, Edwinstowe, Newark, is also extensively interested in dairy farming and the breeding of cattle (Lincoln reds) and hunters, which have taken many prizes at the Welbeck Tenants' Agricultural Society Show and other places.

**Mr. F. B.
Wilkinson.**

He is the son of Mr. William Wilkinson, of Sturton High House, Nottinghamshire, who was born at Osberton on November 30th, 1812, and who is termed the "Grand Old Man" of North Nottinghamshire. He is an ideal type of the old English farmer. For over 200 years Sturton High House has been occupied by the Wilkinson family. On his ninetieth birthday he was presented with a solid silver salver as a mark of esteem and respect by the chief agriculturists of the district. In times of prosperity in agriculture he farmed no less than 8,000 acres, and, in spite of his advanced years, he is now farming over 1,000 acres. For over half-a-century he was Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Retford Market Dinner, which he had attended regularly from fifteen years of age until reaching his ninety-second birthday. He well remembers the old stage coach and the sound of the horn of the guard, as well as the old rumbling stage wagon; the old borough before it was lighted with gas was then illuminated with oil lamps and farthing dips; he used to drive in his gig with one horse to Scarborough, a distance of 100 miles, in a single day. He recalls the time when the arrival of the old coach was so eagerly waited for, because it brought the only London newspaper, and how many of the inhabitants assembled at night to hear it read, and to discuss its contents. Again alluding to the old mode of travelling, he well remembers on one occasion bringing the governess to Retford to enable her to meet the coach on her way to the Isle of Wight, and in one of the muddy lanes which led from his house she slipped off the pillion into the mud: he having to get off his horse, and lift her up before, they resumed their journey. Mr. William Wilkinson was hunting with the Grove at the age of fourteen, then under the Mastership of Mr. George Savile Foljambe, that fine sportsman who was at that time also hunting a pack in Lincolnshire. He takes no part in public affairs beyond officiating as Vicar's Churchwarden at Sturton Church, which office he has held over seventy years. Although now ninety-six years old, he still rides round Sturton High House Farm daily.



MR. WILLIAM WILKINSON.

Mr. Frank Booth Wilkinson was educated at Retford Grammar School and the Training College, York. Beginning to ride almost as soon as he could walk and to follow hounds, when eight years of age he entered Lord Galway's Hunt. After these early lessons he made the acquaintance in turn of the Rufford, Earl Fitzwilliam's, the South Notts, and the Burton, taking occasional days with the Pytchley. He has possessed many fine hunters during his time; among the more notable were Wildman, by Aribbas; The Lamb; Lindor, by Dunmoor, by Scottish Chief, dam Little Coates, by Lambton; Rothervale, by Morglay, dam Happy Girl, by Rotherhill; and Alpha, by Omega. Mr. F. B. Wilkinson has won many point-to-point races with these five and other horses, besides numerous cups and prizes at the principal shows throughout England. One horse in particular, Lady Grosvenor, won three Royals and Great Yorkshires in succession.

He has bred hunters successfully for many years, and has taken prizes in London and at the Royal Shows, besides breeding many winners of the principal trophies throughout England,

**Mr. F. B.
Wilkinson.**

including the 50-Guinea Champion Cup and several Royal gold medals for young stock. He has won over 100 medals and cups for breeding stock the last eight years. He is recognized as a most accomplished horseman, has won Lord Galway's Hunt Race some half-a-dozen times, and, in 1892, rode the winner, Lindor, to victory over a five-mile point-to-point, as well as winning the heavy-weight race the same day with Alpha, and securing the Duke of Portland's 25-Guinea Cup. He has also captured many steeplechases with horses with whom he has hunted. Shooting engages much of his time when hunting is impracticable.

**Mr. J.
Wilkinson.**

MR. JOHN WILKINSON, of Grantham, son of Mr. William Wilkinson, mentioned above, was born in 1839 at Osberton, near Worksop. At the age of fourteen he started his hunting career with the Grove Hounds, then under Lord Scarborough's Mastership, and until 1880 he followed this pack regularly every season with alternate days with the Rufford. In that year he went to live in Cheshire, and there hunted with Captain Park Yates, who had the North Cheshire. After eight years he again returned to Lord Galway's country, where he hunted until 1903, when he took up his residence at Grantham with his son. Since that time Mr. Wilkinson has hunted with the Belvoir, but of course it is with the Grove that he has been most prominently associated. He has an intimate knowledge of racing, and his memory is so good that at the age of sixty-nine he can recall the pedigree of nearly every notable blood horse of the past half century, going back several generations. Mr. Wilkinson's son, Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, has, during the past twenty years, hunted with the Belvoir, where his biographical sketch appears.

**Mr. F.
Willey.**

MR. FRANCIS WILLEY, J.P. Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire, High Sheriff Nottinghamshire, was born on February 27th, 1843, and is the son of the late Mr. John Willey, of Moore House, Bradford, Yorkshire. He was educated at Fulneck, and in 1883 married Florence, daughter of the late Mr. Frederiek Chinnock, of Portland Place, London, W., and Dinorbin Court, Hampshire. He began hunting with the Bramham Moor and the York and Ainsty, which packs he followed for twenty seasons; moreover, while living in Yorkshire he was joint-owner of the Airedale Harriers. Upon taking up his residence, in 1888, at Rampton Manor, he at once became a member and regular follower of the Grove, then under Viscount Galway.

Mack, a bay horse, with which he won the Hunt Point-to-point Heavy-Weight, and rode for six seasons, and Neublys, a three-quarter thoroughbred, are two of his favourite horses. As a breeder and exhibitor of hunters he has been most successful. He is a member of St. Stephen's Club, Hurlingham, and Ranelagh, and lives at Blyth Hall, Blyth, Nottinghamshire, and possesses an important property in U.S.A.

**Mr. F. V.
Willey.**

His son, Mr. FRANCIS VERNON WILLEY, B.A., was born on September 29th, 1884. He was educated at Eton, and Magdalen College, Oxford. He then studied for the law, taking an honours degree in 1906. He has regularly followed the Grove Hounds, and while at Oxford he whipped-in to the Oxford Draghounds. There he also did much point-to-point racing as well as a little steeplechasing. He played polo for Oxford during seasons 1905-06, and captained the Oxford team in 1906 when they won the Inter-Varsity match; he had much sport with the Eton and Magdalen Beagles; he now owns a small pack of harriers kennelled at Blyth. One of his finest hunters is Grey Tick II., by Manor Ross, whom he has ridden since 1905, and who has won several point-to-point races. Mr. Willey is a lieutenant in the Sherwood Rangers Imperial Yeomanry.

THE RUFFORD.

THAT country in the vicinity of Retford, now known as the Rufford, of course takes its name from the splendid Rufford Abbey estate, for many generations in the possession of the Savile family. It was in the seventeenth century hunted by Theophilus, fourth Earl of Lincoln, a nobleman who died in 1667. The records in connection with him are rather of a political than sporting character. He would appear to have kept the pack *en grand seigneur*, as became the custom of his class in that day, and doubtless the stag was the object of chase. It may be presumed that the hounds were entered to fox at a considerably later date, but there is no documentary evidence, as far as we can learn, to fix the time of such change. The fourth Earl in question was succeeded by his grandson, whom it appears continued to keep the hounds for some twenty-five years, but dying without issue, the pack was either dispersed or continued by some of the leading sportsmen of the county. It is recorded, however, that soon after the death of the grandson the country passed into the control of Lord Castleton, of Castleton, Ireland, and Sandbeck, who kept the hounds from 1709 to the date of his death 1723 ; his huntsman, Quistleton, being noted in his day. After Lord Castleton's death the estates went to Thomas, third Earl of Scarborough, who continued to hunt the country until the year of his death in 1752, being succeeded by his son Richard, the fourth Earl, who "kept the ball rolling" with the greatest keenness for thirty years, when the "whoop-hoop!" of mortality closed his career. His eldest son, George Augustin, not inheriting the family love of sport, the hounds again passed into the hands of the noblemen and gentlemen of the county. This was not for long, as Mr. Francis Foljambe, grandfather of Mr. George Savile Foljambe, stepped into the breach, and they remained under his Mastership until 1788, after which they were taken over, during the lifetime of his elder brother, by Richard, afterwards sixth Earl of Scarborough, who hunted them in the finest style until 1822. Owing to age and failing health, that nobleman disposed of them to the late Mr. G. S. Foljambe (for whom see the Grove), an accomplished and most zealous sportsman, who by a great expenditure and carefully hunting the pack in person, brought his hounds to such a state of perfection that when in 1845, owing to defective eyesight, he relinquished the pack, his hounds sold at the kennels realized £3,500, and of the horses sold at Messrs. Tattersalls', four produced £1,170, and the remaining sixteen averaged £115 each. His affliction notwithstanding, Mr. Foljambe continued to show the keenest interest in the pack, and although debarred from active field management, he still lent a hand with them, and moreover retained some of his original favourites from which to breed.

In 1834, Lord Henry Bentinck (for whom see the Burton) took the reins of office, and although he held the Mastership for a couple of seasons only, his influence on the blood of the pack cannot for a moment be questioned. Believing that Mr. Foljambe, his predecessor in the country in company with Mr. Musters and Will Goodall, was one of a trio of the finest houndmen of his day, he bred largely from the strains of blood owned by the first named, of whose breeding he imported thirty couples when he took over the Quorn. Lord Henry, it will be remembered, wrote his name deep in the Hound Stud Book by means of those three great stallion hounds, Contest, Tomboy, and Comms. He was known in the Rufford country as an excellent huntsman, although he did not often carry the horn himself; an exceedingly fine horseman, he, moreover, never hesitated at the price paid for his horses if they suited him. Thoroughly appreciating hound work, he never would have them interfered with, and was, in fact, somewhat of a martinet in the field, it being his custom to discharge a huntsman who lifted his hounds.

We had almost omitted to mention that Mr. Osbaldeston frequently hunted in the district, he considered it one of the most difficult countries in which to kill foxes, so he left it for the Atherstone. The year 1841 saw Captain Percy Williams begin his long reign over the fortunes of the Rufford. It lasted twenty seasons, during which time he was an assiduous hound breeder, and used the

Belvoir, Brocklesby, and Grove strains with the best results, not forgetting to hark back to Mr. Foljambe's Albion. A clever man in handling his hounds, he was the closest observer of their work, and managed, in this not over good scenting country, to show a fine mask of foxes. It was said of him, who it will be remembered had given many fine exhibitions under silk, that he was as good over a country as on the flat. His Hunt servants, too, were well chosen, and excellent sport was the result. He was particularly well suited for the Rufford country. He resigned at the end of the season 1859 and 1860, and the hounds were sold by Messrs. Tattersall in 1860, when they fetched the big price of 2,681 guineas, that fine judge, the late Earl Fitzwilliam, being the principal purchaser.

Captain Percy Williams died September 2nd, 1876. Major Welfitt, who succeeded him in 1861, held the reins of office until 1867, when he handed over control of affairs to Mr. T. Harvey Bayly, who resigned in 1872, when things being in a bad state generally the pack was dispersed by Messrs. Tattersall for little more than half its value. Mr. Bayly, who had a second turn of Mastership a decade later, was succeeded by Mr. J. L. Francklin, one season, Mr. J. J. Barrow, two seasons, after which Mr. Charles A. Egerton hunted the pack from 1875 to 1880, being succeeded by Mr. A. Legard, Mr. Harvey T. Bayly, 1881 to 1889, Mr. Lancelot Rolleston, one season, and Earl Manvers, the present Master, who accepted office in 1900.

Reference has been made above to the nature of the Rufford country and the adaptability of Captain Williams, owing to his light weight, for negotiating the clays. Situated in the northern and central parts of Nottinghamshire, the South Notts formerly hunted the southern portion, and the Grove the north. To the Rufford belong plough and close woodland, and they take in part of Derbyshire to get it in the west. To them, however, belongs Sherwood Forest, which with Derbyshire supplies the lighter land, the clays being in the east. Sherwood Forest, notwithstanding the disafforestation since the time when it was a favourite hunting place of our earlier kings, still remains the most magnificent forest in England, and our island can show no woodland beauty equal to that to be seen in "the Dukery." These splendid properties are so well kept up that while the mossy turf in the rides will bear a carriage, the going is so firm that a horse-hoof keeps on the surface in the wettest weather. The low bracken under the oaks furnishes the finest cub hunting ground in the country, as hounds can be seen at work. A large proportion of the country, which is all thickly wooded, consists of clay, however, and this of the most holding kind, but in "the clays," fields are separated by strong stake and bound fences, and only a light-weight can negotiate it with success, because the fences must be jumped and the ditches are broad. For this reason the clay side requires a very powerful horse, while the forest demands a light skimming thoroughbred for the rides, speed being essential.



MR. LANCELOT ROLLESTON.

**Captain P.
Williams
—Master,
1841-61.**

In a day when it would seem to have been necessary to lower a man's colours, CAPTAIN PERCY WILLIAMS shone in his own peculiar way. He was one of the quiet people who had no peculiar evanescence but the work they did. The son of Mr. Ernest Williams, an East Indian Company's director, he was educated at Sandhurst, and went through that severe schooling which we call "ragging" at the present time. We have heard that they had a "black hole" at that seat of learning in those days. What the "cage" might have been, we cannot say, but whatever it was, our subject seems to have come through it and emerged with flying colours. Horse and hound would appear to have been *fides Achates* in this sense, and apart from the pleasures of the chase proper he indulged in badger and rat hunts. These taught him war as a matter of course. It was said that he knew so much about terriers, rats and the vermin they killed, that he could go down to Jemmy Shaw's or Bill George's in the East End of London, and neither could teach him much concerning those subjects.

Captain Percy Williams after leaving Sandhurst, joined the 9th Lancers, in which he served under that distinguished sportsman, the late Earl of Rosslyn, for some eighteen years.

Captain P.
Williams.

We have read that the first foxhound possessed by the subject of these notes was given to him by his friend, Mr. George Foljambe. He had resolved to study the hound, and with this end in view, went the rounds of the great kennels of that day. The Belvoir, Sir Richard Sutton's, Lord Henry Bentinck's and others were visited, with the result that he formed a first-class pack. The knowing critics had a lot to say about him, as a matter of course, but the end justified the means, and when in the early forties the pack was properly put together, the "chaff" had lost most of its edge. Indeed, the windbags had to take another position.

So closely associated are silk and scarlet that it might puzzle the cognoscenti to tell which came first. The subject of this memoir was attached to both, indeed, it may be said that he broke a lance on either side of the shield. It is going back a bit, of course, when we recall some of the triumphs of this fine horseman. Tall, with the clean limbs of a natural rider, he had strength enough to keep his mount together. Moreover, he was in sympathy with the animal he was riding, and as a natural corollary, rode with his hands as well as his head. They said that he had the capability of Jim Robinson, his professional contemporary at the time; one would hesitate to make a remark upon that position; suffice it to say, however, that in a day when finer amateur horsemen existed than,



CAPTAIN PERCY WILLIAMS AND THE RUFFORD HOUNDS.

possibly, we can now boast, Captain Percy Williams was one of the best gentlemen riders of England. He was noted as a finisher; and we have heard it said that there was something of the Archer style of rush when he was "getting there," which was well nigh invincible. The respect for his capacity was evidence when the market had to deal with horses he was riding. They shortened in price in a marked manner five to two against, suddenly becoming five to four or possibly an odds-on chance. Perhaps his fine touch and knowledge of the capacity of a horse was due to his association with the playground, or as we usually term it, the schooling of horses. Such great performers as Alice Hawthorn, The Cure, and St. Lawrence were ridden by him in their exercise gallops and harder work. If such a noviciate would not have taught him a great deal about the thoroughbred, he must have been a dunce indeed. The aftermath of such an education was seen at Goodwood, Eglinton Park, and Bibury; Croxton Park, too, must not be forgotten. Such a fine rider naturally had his share of disasters. Turning to *Baily* we read that he had three nasty falls -- one on a mare called Taglioni, which bolted and fell over the ropes; another at The Curragh of Kildare, when his animal broke a bloodvessel and fell at the post when winning, and a third when riding his friend's (Mr. Bell) Zebetta, for the tea service at York. Captain Percy Williams hunted the Rufford country from 1841 to 1861.

Born in 1839, the son of a good squire of Gloucester, Mr. Thomas K. Bayly, of Frenchay, and nephew of that fine rider Mr. John Bayly, Mr. T. HARVEY D. BAYLY was blooded with the late

Mr. T. H.
D. Bayly
—Master,
1867-72.

Mr. T. H.
D. Bayly.

Duke of Beaufort's Hounds. The famous Will Long, we believe, officiated. As far as his other education was concerned, we mean *in pupillari*, Eton and Christ Church, Oxon, stood sponsors.

Picking up what he could of sport generally, and hunting in particular at the last-named seat of learning, he migrated to the Oakley country for awhile, then under the Mastership of Mr. Arkwright, from whom his knowledge of the noble science was incepted. Indeed, in later life he always referred to his tutelage of horse and hound under this Master as the foundation of his subsequent success in the field. His father was also a Master of no mean pretensions; his uncle one of the finest gentlemen riders in a day which boasted such celebrities as Lord Wilton, "Josey" Little, and Captain Percy Williams; mention of the last-named fine horseman recalls the fact that the subject of these notes was a frequent follower of the Rufford when he and Colonel Welfitt were Masters of the pack. It was on the resignation of the latter that Mr. Harvey Bayly consented to take the direction of the hounds in 1867. This was, he it remarked, only after pressure by his friends, one of the most persistent being Lord Manners, a staunch supporter of hunting, to whom, in fact, the pack belonged. Another good sportsman who pressed the suit was Mr. Savile, whom the Turf world principally associates with the name of Cremorne.

To such men the Rufford country had peculiar attractions.

"Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife" the men in his country knew each other; nor was it a district in which a man's nerves were always at attention because an influx of so-called smart people or *nouveaux riches* chose to put in their unsought appearance. The "thruster," and cigar and flask brigade were also absent. The first named because there was no opportunity of jumping upon anyone else; the second, because perpetual refreshment at the covert side was taboo.

With Machin as huntsman and Castleman, afterwards with the Atherstone, as first whip, and Sam Hayes as second, he hunted the country until the season 1871-2. The reason for his resignation at that time is not very clear, but whatever it may have been, it is evident that there was no lack of cordial relations between him and the Hunt members, for after the sale of the old pack and the formation of a new one he acted as Honorary Secretary to the Hunt. Frequently pressed to take office again, Mr. Harvey Bayly refused to do so until 1881. Accepting the duty in that year he continued to show sport for nine seasons, and did things in a good, unostentatious style, which won the suffrages of all in a grand sporting district. Whilst touching upon sport in general we must not omit to mention that Mr. Harvey Bayly was a patron of the leash, loved the whistle of a racing jacket, and shot with straight powder. The late Joseph Dawson, Arncliffe, senr., and Percy had horses in training for him. Among the best of these were a mare Lady Macbeth, and Old Warden. Let us add to this that he not only rode well to hounds but bred fine horses; and proved the value of his judgments by repeated successes in the show rings of England. Islington, York, Manchester, and other great centres witnessed repeated triumphs for his representatives; indeed there was scarcely a show-yard in England which had not added an award to his ever-increasing list. As the initiated know, this is an expensive amusement, but one of the great features of Mr. Harvey Bayly's exhibits was that he did things in the most approved style, and never sent a horse before the judges except it were in faultless condition.

Mr. J.-L.
Francklin
- Master,
1872-73.

MR. JOHN-LIELL FRANCKLIN, J.P. (late M.F.H.), son of the late Mr. John Francklin, J.P., of Gonalston, Nottinghamshire, was born on November 11th, 1811. He was educated at Harrow, and Brasenose College, Oxford, and, in 1868, married the Hon. Alice Maud, eldest daughter of the late third Viscount St. Vincent. He commenced hunting with the Rufford Hounds when Captain Percy Williams was Master, and assumed control of the pack during seasons 1872-73. He was Master of the South Notts from 1868 to 1871, and of the Craven 1871-72.

One of his finest hunters was Nonpareil, by Harworth, a winner of several steeplechases, his last run being over four miles of country, carrying 11 stone. Another good horse was a chestnut thoroughbred, Brasenose, whom he hunted for many seasons.

He is fond of fishing and shooting and all outdoor sports, is a member of Boodle's Club, and lives at Gonalston, Nottinghamshire (the original kennels of the Rufford pack); he also possesses property at Great Barford, Buckinghamshire.

THE RIGHT HON. CHARLES WILLIAM SYDNEY PIERREPONT, FOURTH EARL MANVERS, the eldest son of the third Earl, was born in 1854. In 1873 he joined the Grenadier Guards, retiring seven years later, when he married Helen, the eldest surviving daughter of the late Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Baronet. He is honorary colonel of the 4th Battalion Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, and from 1896 to 1908 was in command of the North Midland Infantry Volunteer Brigade. He is also D.L. and J.P. for Nottinghamshire, and was M.P. for the county in the Conservative interests in 1888-95 and 1898-1906.

Fourth
Earl
Manvers
—present
Master.



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THE FOURTH EARL MANVERS.

In 1900, Lord Manvers accepted the Mastership of the Rufford, the hounds he began to follow when only four years old. He has hunted with numerous packs, including the Grove, the Whaddon Chase, the Duke of Beaufort's, the Warwick, the Quorn, Lord Harrington's, the Belvoir, and in Ireland with the Meath, the Kildare, and the Ward Union. One of his Lordship's finest hunters was Starlight, by Parmesan, which he rode for eleven seasons, and another equally well-known horse is his present Dalesman, by Johnny Morgan. Lord Manvers is keenly interested in polo, has taken part in many of the Rufford Points-to-Points, and is fond of shooting when there is no hunting to be had. His daughter, Lady Cicely, is a good rider, greatly attached to horse and hound, and is a well-known figure with the Rufford.

His Lordship is a member of the Carlton, Wellington, Travellers', and Guards' Clubs, and is the owner of Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire; he lives at Thorsby Park, Ollerton.

MR. FRANK ARMSTRONG, who has filled the post of Honorary Secretary to the Rufford since 1904, was born in January, 1871. Most of his hunting days have been spent with these hounds and neighbouring pack—the Grove.

Mr. F.
Armstrong
—Hon. Sec.

Mr. Armstrong, who is fond of all outdoor sports, is a member of the Notts County Club, and resides at The Cedars, Mansfield.

MR. ALFRED THOMAS HOLLAND BARNES, son of the late Mr. Alfred Barnes, M.P. for Derbyshire, J.P., D.L., was born in July, 1857. Educated privately, and at Jesus College, Cambridge, he commenced hunting with the Rufford when only a lad of eight years of age, and has been a member of the Hunt Committee since the year 1900. Darrell, by Bass Rock, which he rode for six seasons, and Lord Harry (one time the property of the late Mr. Charles Augustus Egerton), which he rode for ten seasons, were two of his best hunters. He was winner of the Rufford Hunt Steeplechase in 1885, and of the Derbyshire Cup in 1886. He has been a most successful walker of puppies; he is joint-owner of the famous Grassmoor Collieries, situated in Chesterfield.

Mr. A. T.
H. Barnes.



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MR. LUCAS BRODHURST.

Mr. L.
Brod-
hurst.

Well past the allotted span of "three score years and ten" is Mr. LUCAS BRODHURST, J.P., of Upton Grange, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, who was born on September 4th, 1834, and is the son of the late Mr. William Brodhurst, of "The Friary," Newark. After a preliminary education at the Stamford Grammar

School, the subject of these notes was instructed in the profession of agriculture in its many branches. His initiation to foxhunting took place with the Rufford, at the age of seven, when the late Captain Percy Williams was Master. Since then Mr. Brodhurst has hunted

**Mr. L.
Brodhurst.**

with most of the crack packs of the shires, but has spent most of his days with the Rufford. He married the sixth daughter of the late Mr. P. R. Falkner, of Upton Hall, Newark. As a breeder and exhibitor of hunters and shorthorns Mr. Brodhurst has been very successful at the neighbouring shows. A good hunter of his was Jack I., a Cumberland-bred horse, which he rode for three seasons and then sold to the late Duke of Rutland when Master of the Belvoir. Confidence and Lady-bird were two others which won steeplechases for their owner and were exceedingly good "leppers." Mr. Brodhurst has taken several cups for walking puppies.

**Miss A. M.
V. Cator.**

MISS ALGITHA MALET VAUGHAN CATOR is the second daughter of Mr. Frederick Henry Cator, of Belgrave Road, London, S.W.

Introduced to the saddle at the age of 22, her first experiences in the hunting field were with the South Staffordshire. Upon taking up her residence at "Eakring," she became a member of the Rufford Hunt, and has been a regular follower of the pack with the exception of occasional days devoted to the South Notts, Grove, "H.H.," Mr. Garth's, Lord Portman's, and the New Forest Stag and Fox Hounds. When staying at Woodhall Spa she followed the Southwold Hounds.

The accompanying engraving of Miss Cator depicts her upon Leapfrog (by Jester—Lightfoot), a very fast and splendid hunter, one, moreover, who is reliable. Others of her favourites are Gayboy, by Fireboy, and Countess, still going.

When hunting is impracticable, painting and gardening occupy her spare time.

Miss Cator lives at Eakring Rectory, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

**Mr. G. S.
Foljambe.**

MR. GEORGE SAVILE FOLJAMBE, J.P., D.L., of "Cockglode," Ollerton (commander of the late 4th Sherwood Foresters' Volunteers), was born on October 30th, 1856, and is the son of the Right Hon. Francis J. S. Foljambe, late Master of the Burton Foxhounds (1871-80), of Osberton Hall, Worksop, Nottinghamshire. He was educated at Eton and Oxford, and married the eldest daughter of the late Dr. Warre, Head Master of Eton.

He commenced hunting with the Grove when six years old, and followed them for a few seasons. Since 1888 he has been a regular follower of the Rufford, but has visited all the principal packs in England, and walked puppies since 1902. He has had many good hunters; perhaps the best of them was The Arrow, by The Dart, whom he rode for six seasons, and who unfortunately met an untimely end in the hunting field.

Owing to an accident to Lord Manvers, Mr. Foljambe acted as Master to the Rufford Hounds during the season of 1907-08, as well as in 1900. He has taken part in many of the Rufford Hunt Point-to-Point Races. He is fond of shooting and fishing, and has shot big game both in the Himalayas and in East Africa.

**The Rev.
C. R.
Gorton.**

THE REV. CHARLES REYNOLDS GORTON, M.A., of Walesby Vicarage, Newark, son of the late Mr. Thomas Gorton (Master of the Holcombe Harriers for sixteen years), of Holcombe, Lancashire, was born on December 3rd, 1852, and educated at Rossall, and Jesus College, Cambridge. He married Celenia, second daughter of the late Mr. William Colet Myers, of Roundhay, Leeds.

His earliest hunting experiences were with the Holcombe Harriers, which he continued to follow, off and on, for many seasons. On taking up his residence at Walesby he became a member of the Rufford, but does not now hunt owing to an accident, which debars him from riding.

**Captain
C. J. W.
Hobbs.**

Born January 23rd, 1876, CAPTAIN CHARLES JAMES WILLOUGHBY HOBBS is the son of Captain S. H. Hobbs of the Old 89th Regiment. Educated at Rossall School, Lancashire, and Sandhurst, he entered the 95th Derbyshire Regiment in 1896, and was gazetted captain in 1901.

When a boy of five he had his first pony. His earliest experiences of hunting were with the Albrighton and Wheatland Hounds in Shropshire. Going with his regiment to India, he participated in all the sport which his duties permitted, including pig-sticking, polo, gymkhanas, and other diversions incidental to an officer's life in India. Captain Hobbs also served throughout the South African Campaign and was the recipient of the Queen's Medal, with five clasps.



Miss A. M. Y. Pator on "Puffing"

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A regular follower of the Rufford since 1905, Captain Hobbs has owned many fine hunters. Among these De Wet, a brown gelding, was his favourite. He was a perfect horse, and his owner hunted him for five seasons, during which time he rode him with sixteen different packs of hounds in various parts of England and had only two falls.

**Captain
C. J. W.
Hobbs.**



CAPTAIN C. J. W. HOBBS.

Mrs. Hobbs, who is the only daughter of Major Bell (late 48th Regiment), is also devoted to hunting, and is a frequent follower of the Rufford and South Notts hounds.

Captain Hobbs is a member of the Grosvenor Club, and resides at The Elms, Westhorpe, Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

Born in 1836, CAPTAIN GEORGE WILLIAM HUTTON-RIDDELL is still as keen a follower of hounds as in his youth. Son of the late Squire Riddell, of Nottinghamshire, he was educated at Rugby, and subsequently entered the 16th Lancers, retiring after twenty years'

**Captain G.
W. Hutton-
Riddell.**

service. His hunting days throughout life have been spent for the most part with the Rufford, although there are few prominent packs in England, Scotland, and Ireland of which he has not had experience.

As a young man Captain Riddell was a noted rider, twice winning, amongst many other races, the Grand Military Steeplechase. He married, in 1879, Lady Evelyn, daughter of the Earl of Craven, who is well known as a straight rider to hounds.

MAJOR RALPH H. F. LOMBE, J.P., of Edwinstowe Hall, Newark, son of the Rev. E. Lombe, B.A., late Rector of Swanton Morley, Norfolk, was born on July 28th, 1854, and was educated at Repton and Cambridge.

**Major R. H.
F. Lombe.**

In 1876 he joined the 9th Norfolk Regiment, retired in 1897, and married the widow of the late Captain Alexander, of the 17th Lancers, who is the younger daughter of the late Major Henry Otway Mayne, Central India Horse.

He commenced hunting with the Norfolk Hounds when they were under the Mastership of Lord Hastings; and since 1897 has been a regular follower of the Rufford, and a member of the Committee since 1900. One of his favourite hunters is Patch, whom he and Mrs. Lombe have ridden for twelve seasons, and who won the Rufford Hunt Point-to-Point Race.

A son of the late Mr. William Maltby, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, the subject of these notes was born October 9th, 1843. Educated primarily at Mansfield Grammar School and at Cavendish House School, Nottinghamshire, he completed his course with his relative the late Reverend W. G. Patchell, Daws Mere, Lincolnshire. Studying for the law, he was admitted a Solicitor in the year 1865, and commenced practice in Mansfield in 1870. He married Winifred, third daughter of the late Mr. George Wills, of Narborough, Leicestershire.

His initiation to the saddle was when a lad at Clipstone Park Coursing Meetings. This he improved upon by following the Rufford, during the Mastership of the late Colonel Welfitt. To this succeeded a similar period with the late Mr. John Chaworth Musters' Hounds. Upon taking up his residence in Mansfield, he became a member of the Rufford Hunt, and is now one of its oldest followers. Of the hunters owned by Mr. MALBY one of his best was Kitty, by Sykes. Mention must also be made



**Mr. W.
Maltby.**

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MR. W. MALBY.

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Maltby.**

of a chestnut mare by Surplus, and his Irish mare, Daisy. He is now riding Cedric, a son of the last named by Sir Kenneth, by Keith, a Blair Athol sire.

**The
Rev. J. C.
Walker.**

THE REV. J. CYRIL WALKER, M.A., Rector of Averham-cum-Kelham, Nottinghamshire, is the son of the late Rev. J. Walker, of Averham, where he was born April 25th, 1866. He was educated



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THE REV. J. C. WALKER.

at Eton, and Magdalen College, Oxford. Though early acquainted with the saddle he had no experience of hunting before 1896, when, after working some years as curate in London and Margate, he came to live at home as assistant to his father. Since then, however, he has regularly hunted with the Rufford and had occasional days with neighbouring and other packs. Gimcrack, his favourite hunter, is well known in his country, and has carried him well for six seasons. Mr. Walker has travelled considerably in many parts of the world, and his favourite recreation after hunting is mountaineering.

**Mr. P. H.
Warwick.**

The son of Mr. Richard Huskinson Warwick, of Burgage Manor, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, MR. PHILIP HUSKINSON WARWICK was born on March 19th, 1880. Educated at Charterhouse and Hertford College, Oxford, he turned especial

attention to the study of chemistry, taking his honours degree in 1901, and his M.A. a couple of years later. Beginning to hunt as a boy of eleven, his early experiences were when a Carthusian with the Milford Harriers, and at home with the Rufford. To the latter pack he has been faithful since, albeit Lord Harrington's and the Chiddingfold have also given him many a good day. Of his favourite hunters at various times, probably Tyndedale, Snowflake, and Miquette, all well-known in his country, were among the best. He is a lieutenant in the South Notts Hussars; and Managing Director of the famous brewing firm, Messrs. Warwicks and Richardsons, Ltd., of Newark. A member of the New University Club (London) and County Club (Nottinghamshire), he resides at Burgage Manor.



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MR. P. H. WARWICK.

**Mr. E.
Wright.**

MR. EDWARD WRIGHT, surgeon, of Ollerton, Newark, was born on March 20th, 1836, and is the son of the late Mr. William Wright, F.R.C.S.E., of Nottingham. He was educated at Peterhouse, Cambridge, and Edinburgh University. He commenced hunting as a lad of ten years of age with the Quorn, when under the Mastership of Sir Richard Sutton, with which pack he hunted for about fifteen seasons, and then had five seasons with the South Notts, under the late Mr. John Chaworth Musters. On taking up his residence at Ollerton in 1866, he became a member of the Rufford in Colonel Wellitt's time, and has since been a regular follower of the pack.

One of Mr. Wright's finest hunters was Sambo, a black Irish horse, whom he rode for ten seasons with never a fall. He has taken part in many of the Rufford Hunt Point-to-Point Races.

LORD HARRINGTON'S.

THERE are no reliable records extant, to the best of our belief, as to the boundaries of the country hunted by Theophilus de Clinton, fourth Earl of Lincoln. We may assume, however, that in compliance with the custom of great nobles of his age, he confined his hunting to the deer, and that his kennel was more an appurtenant to the household, and his hunting rather a pastime than a science. Part of the country hunted by him, formerly known as the South Notts, is now Lord Harrington's. The fourth Earl of Lincoln died in 1667, at a period when the fox as an object of sport was held in very light esteem.

About the year 1770, Mr. John Musters, the great-grandfather of Mr. John Chaworth Musters, bought the hounds which Lord Robert Manners-Sutton had kept at Kellham, and with them he hunted the country under consideration. In 1798 he made over to his son, "Jack" Musters, who was then twenty-two years of age, a portion of his country, and Mr. Meynell contributed ten couples of his famous hounds towards the formation of a new pack. Mr. Musters, *senr.*, also parted with a portion of his lot for the same purpose, and with the remainder hunted his side of the country and that of his son alternately until the year 1802.

Upon the marriage of Mr. J. Musters, *jnr.*, the young Squire established himself at Annesley, and took entire control of the whole country. This he was well able to do, having inherited a splendid physique from his father. The latter it may be noted, was an excellent specimen of an English gentleman of the old school, celebrated alike for his munificence, and the urbanity of his manners. His mother was one of the greatest beauties, and finest gentlewomen of her day.

It was customary with the old Squire to say, after handing over the whole country to his accomplished son, "I am only one of the field." At that period there were four kennels for the family Hunt—Annesley, Colwick, Edwalton, and Wiversley. The South Notts country embraced



COLONEL LANCELOT ROLLESTON.

an extensive district, *viz.*, on the north-east to Colham and Searle, and on the north-west up to Chesterfield; and west by the River Derwent; on the north by the Rufford country (its olden, not its modern landmarks); on the south by the Quorndon country. Mr. Musters hunted the South Notts about thirty seasons. He sold his hounds upon two occasions. The first time, a portion of the pack that is, to his friend Mr. Assheton-Smith. Upon the second occasion, Lord Middleton was the purchaser, when he took over the South Notts country. Upon each occasion he received 1,000 guineas, which was in reality a nominal sum. When Mr. "Jack" Musters gave up the Nottinghamshire country in 1823, Colonel Lancelot Rolleston took over the Mastership. It was the custom to move his hounds from Northamptonshire to Nottingham. As he was jealous of parting with the blood which had been used by his father before

him for thirty years to hunt Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, we believe Colonel Rolleston obtained an entirely new pack wherewith to hunt the country which lies in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and is now Lord Harrington's.

In connection with Lord Middleton's tenure of office it is related that he would have the best that money could buy, and, as pecuniary considerations were a matter of no moment, he looked out for the best horses in the country. Mr. Thomas Edge, of Strelley Hall, near Nottingham,

who although riding 21 stone was not, according to "Nimrod," "to be beaten by any man in England for twenty minutes in a quick thing over Leicestershire," and who was an excellent sportsman, had some wonderful weight carriers. Among these, the best were Banker and Remus. Lord Middleton coveted them and offered 2,200 guineas for the pair, but Mr. Edge said, "Tell his Lordship that I like my horses better than his money."

In *Notitia Venatica*, a pleasant instance of friendly rivalry is recorded, anent almost the last season Mr. Musters had in the South Notts country. The Quorn hounds, with Tom Day, had found their fox at Bunny, and brought him by Bradmore, Raddington, and Plumpton to Tollerton. On the same day the Squire had found his fox at Edwalton, and was running him by Gamston towards Cotgrave, when, either his hounds got on the track of the other fox, or *vice versâ*. Both packs, however, immediately joined and ran well together, with their sterns down, upwind, by Clipstone and Normanton Wolds, pulling the fox down in less than ten minutes from the junction in an ash holt near to the Melton Road. It was a scene, which none who witnessed it can ever forget; the old Squire and Tom Day, each claiming it to be his run fox, riding side by side over every fence with all the keen ardour and genuine pluck which each had always possessed; each recognizing and pointing to particular hounds then ahead and running for their fox as *his*; each cheering on his own favourites. "Look at my Watchman and Anxious!" exclaims Mr. Musters. "Ah, but, Squire," answers Day, "see our Old Lounger and Purity. Purity means to have at him first, and will." The finish soon took place. Day jumped off his horse quickly, and was as speedily over the fence and into the plantation, the Squire close after him. Day, seizing reynard, said, "It's my fox, Squire. I'll swear it at the Day of Judgment!" and he strutted along, holding it in his hand and crowing like a bantam cock of the purest breed, the Squire at his side, looking like a fine old gamecock that had won his hundred battles and could afford the other's triumph. He denied, but Day persisted that it was his run fox, and there was no further wrangling, except by the hounds in eating him.

During his life there was an interregnum, Lord Middleton and Mr. Dansey hunting the country, and Mr. John Musters, his son, then hunted it from about 1840 until 1845. The country then remained vacant for sixteen years, when his grandson, Mr. John Chaworth Musters, took the vacant saddle in 1860.

Upon leaving Oxford he purchased his pack of hounds from Mr. Ambrose Philip, of Leicestershire, and on November 30th, 1861, killed his first fox, in the neighbourhood of his ancestral home, Annesley Park, after a sharp fifty minutes. Having engaged the veteran Ben Boultrold, he, in the following season, drafted his hounds, which were a dwarf pack, and replaced them with hounds purchased at Mr. Drake's sale, and drafts from the Puckeridge, then under the world-famed Mastership of Mr. Parry; also a few couples from the Holderness. Subsequently, he generally used hounds bred by himself. In 1868, Mr. J. L. Francklin took office, and showed good sport until 1871, when Mr. Chaworth Musters again took up the reins and hunted the country until 1876. He died in France, in November, 1887.

He was succeeded in the Mastership by Mr. P. H. Cooper and Mr. Lancelot Rolleston; these gentlemen continued to hold office jointly until 1881, when the last named, after continuing a season, handed over the command to that fine sportsman, the Earl of Harrington, who still continues in possession, showing the best of sport.

In the above notice of the historical side of Lord Harrington's Hounds, we have omitted mention of Squire Osbaldeston's tenancy. The omission was intentional, as his name and fame are far more intimately associated with the Quorn (under which Hunt a full biographical sketch appears), the Pychley, Atherstone, Burton, and other countries than Nottinghamshire, to which he went in 1810. Mr. "Jack" Musters, it may be remarked, refused to lend him his kennels, so he was obliged to build some for himself at Thurgarton. The country, however, was anything but to his liking, so that after a season or two he quitted it for the Atherstone, to which he united the Derbyshire country, drafting the better portion of Lord Vernon's hounds into his own pack.

having been county magnates in Nottinghamshire from a period antecedent to William the Conqueror, as appears in Domesday Book, for over two hundred years, had their chief residence at Colwick Hall, one of the finest seats in the county, at the period of which we write. The Colwick Hall Estate, it may be added, was purchased from the Byrons, and upon passing out of the possession of the Musters' family was, in 1891, made into an enclosed racecourse.

John Musters was the only son and heir of Mr. John Musters. He was born in Grosvenor Square, London, on July 6th, 1777, his mother being Sophia Catherine, daughter and co-heiress of Mr. James Modyford Heywood, of Maristow, Devon. At the age of thirteen, he went to Eton, where his sporting proclivities made him very popular. A significant anecdote related of him while in *statu pupillari* is that he, a short time before leaving the light blue seat of learning, engaged in a pugilistic set-to with the famous Assheton-Smith. The latter was somewhat the elder gladiator, but Musters was taller, and both thorough stickers. Each was out for scalps, and they fought for an hour and a-half, by which time they were thoroughly exhausted; but, as neither would yield, the seconds separated them. They were afterwards good friends throughout life.

From Eton young Musters went to Christ Church, Oxford, as a gentleman commoner. In those days the educational routine was far laxer than now, more especially as far as gentlemen of wealth were concerned, consequently the elder Musters readily gave consent to his son's leaving Oxford early, and accepting a company in the Nottinghamshire Militia and indulging his sporting tastes.

Five feet eleven inches in height and weighing 13 stone 10 lbs. in hard condition, as a young man his athletic powers were something very far above the average. As a runner, it was his standing challenge to cover fifty yards, carrying a man on his back, in quicker time than any other pedestrian could run a hundred. Another general one was to run fifty yards against any horse's hundred. He won these matches frequently, being beaten upon one occasion only, at Paisley, when with his regiment. Twenty-four years of age at the time, he attempted to carry the quartermaster, weighing 15 stone, over fifty yards against an athletic young Scot running the hundred. The rider made too much of his mount, after the manner of "butcher-boy" jockeys, and Musters was only able to make a dead-heat of it. Upon a second trial, however, the quartermaster having been taught how to sit still, Musters won by half a yard. It is alleged that he could jump 18 feet backwards and forwards. What this exactly means may be left to the reader's sound sense, as a man able to cover 18 feet backwards would naturally go many more feet forwards. It is upon record, however, that in the drawing room at Belvoir Castle he walked erect under a cord and then leapt over it—a very fine jump, even in these days of record-breaking. Cricketer, swimmer, horseman, angler, and shot, he was very useful with his hands, having been a pupil of Mendoza. His father a handsome and distinguished-looking man, his mother one of the most beautiful women of her day, immortalized by Sir Joshua Reynolds—who painted her portrait four times—and Romney, it is matter for no wonder that young Musters boasted a handsome person. When it is added that he was a fine dancer, singer, and musician of no mean order, and possessed of temperate habits in a hard-drinking age, his popularity with the fair sex, and with his fellow-sportsmen, is easily understood.

In his twenty-eighth year, our subject met and became enamoured of Mary Ann, the only daughter of Mr. George Chaworth. The lady in question was not only an heiress, but representative of the ancient Nottinghamshire family of Annesley de Annesley and the Chaworths of Wiverton, the head of which house, in 1136, married Alice de Annesley, heiress to those demesnes. Miss Chaworth was, at the time of her engagement to Mr. Musters, a minor and ward in Chancery, but the then Lord Eldon, the Lord Chancellor, approving of the union, she was married to Mr. Musters on August 17th, 1805, after which he took the name of Chaworth-Musters; but upon the death of his wife, whom he survived seventeen years, returned to the old cognomen. The lady in question, by the way, was the love ideal of the noble poet Byron. Her marriage to Mr. Musters was a bitter blow to him, and formed subject for the wail of sorrow in many of his verses later in life.

Deputy-Lieutenant and High Sheriff for Nottinghamshire, besides being a Justice of the Peace for that county and Derby, he declined to be called to the House of Peers by the revived title

Mr. J.
Musters
—Master,
1802-10;
1814-23;
1827-35.

of Lord Chaworth, on the ground that, his father being alive, his income was insufficient. Further, he refused nomination for his native county in Parliament, giving as reason that his attachment to hunting, and field sports in general, would engross more of his time than might meet with the approval of his constituents.

And this brings us to the fact that to hunting the best years of his life were given. Indeed, he lived up to it. Always an early riser—5 to 6 a.m.—he was usually in bed by 11. Further, he eschewed tobacco and strong waters, a little wine, and that of the best, being but occasionally partaken of. He had a strong objection to cigar smoking by any in the hunting field, and was wont to say that any inebriating habit was incompatible with hunting, as those who so indulged could not have eyes, ears, or their general faculties in a fit state to enjoy the sport properly. He further considered that smoking in the hunting field was not only a pernicious example to fashionable juveniles, but often spoilt a good day's sport for them, which they might have otherwise enjoyed in great degree.

That he was one of the greatest, if not absolutely the Napoleon, of hunting men in his day admits of no question. To quote the words of Mr. Vyner, he was "a sportsman of the most distinguished celebrity, deservedly placed at the head of the list of all huntsmen, whether amateurs or professionals."

Which recalls the fact that his experiences as a Master of Foxhounds were wide and varied in many parts of England. Thus from 1798 to 1814 he was in the South Notts country, after which he had the Badsworth for a season. Following this he went into Lincolnshire—the Burton country—for a few seasons. In 1820 he obtained the enviable Mastership of the Pytchley, but relinquished it on the death of his father in 1827. After a few seasons "out of collar," so to speak, he resumed with the South Notts, continuing to carry the horn until 1841. In that year he took over the Southwold, with whom he showed good sport until 1844, returning finally to his first love, the South Notts for the season 1844-45.

The young Squire, it will be seen, hunted the extensive South Nottinghamshire country about thirty seasons in all. Upon his final retirement as an M.F.H., in 1844, the whole of the kennel inmates were purchased in lots by the Duke of Cleveland, Lord Southampton, Sir Watkin Wynn, and Mr. Latouche. His horses were sold by Messrs. Tattersall at the same time as his hounds. It is said that as a judge of a horse he was poor, albeit he had a good notion of what they ought to be able to accomplish. With a hound it was otherwise. There was no finer houndman in the country, and he could at sight discriminate whether the animal possessed qualifications; his judgment being almost invariably correct.

His opinions on scent were instructive, because after a life-long experience he was wont to declare that the subject was quite beyond his reach. He was, however, emphatic in his objection to the "southerly wind and cloudy sky" theory, declaring that the author of that song was a clever composer, but no foxhunter; because, although there was no certainty as to scent, no day was so unpropitious as that with the southerly wind and cloudy sky. He only liked a south wind after it changed from due north, and if it did so after the breaking up of a frost he had never known scent to fail. The best wind generally he had found to have a dash of east in it, and the

"Rude, blustering Nor'-easter"

was one after his own heart. In the field, moreover, he had a keen perception of possibilities, and when approaching a covert was usually in a sort of reverie. He watched the hounds intently, however, forming his own conclusions. If they were keen, he was still reserved; but if they gossiped to one another and appeared indifferent, his manner changed, relapsing into sudden sociability, and offering polite salutations, more especially to the fair, he would probably remark, "A delightful day: we are sure to find directly and have a nice day. Quite a ladies' day." Although so fair spoken, he was, however, by no means in a good humour. He knew if the hounds did find the run would prove an abortive one, and the day disappointing. It was a habit of his, too, more especially if the field were large, and therefore mostly inexperienced, to fall back on strategy. He would go to work, to all appearances, like the veriest amateur, and as slow as a coach, drawing covert after covert perhaps, but, in Turf phraseology, "not trying a yard." Then perchance, when he

had thoroughly tired the unsophisticated ones, and the majority had gone home disgusted, the day would improve and he would give the boys of the old brigade a brilliant run, and kill.

Mr. J.
Musters.

One would imagine that had this great Master of Hounds lived in the present day he would have been a convert to the American seat. Not that he rode with a short stirrup, but he contended that the saddle could not be too forward for hunting, nor too backward for the road. Although possessed of great nerve, he rode to hounds in a peculiar manner, seldom taking a leap at speed. Indeed, he usually either thrust his horse through a fence, or took the jump standing. At timber, which could not be so treated, he went at a quick trot or canter if he could not help it, but never at a gallop, it being his contention that a horse when trotting could calculate best when to make his rise. At a brook, on the contrary, he was thoroughly in accordance with modern views, his axiom being that one could not go too fast, and by riding full gallop the horse's heart was prevented from failing at the sight of water, in addition to which he got more impetus and spring.

His knowledge of a hound has been referred to, but in addition to this he had a peculiar power with them, and when hunting, handled them in a manner that showed his absolute genius in this particular. His manner and melodious voice were talismanic. An advocate of careful breeding, he contended that if a hound, after due trial, failed, it was useless to persevere, and he should be drafted forthwith, not flogged by some brutal whipper-in. "More foxhounds, pointers, and other dogs are spoilt by the whip than anything else," he would say. "Occasional punishment is, of course, indispensable, but it must be used with judgment." His hounds reciprocated this, and when Lord Middleton went to buy some of them he was particularly struck with their fondness for the Squire, and imagined it was owing to his going often to the kennels. With a view to obtaining a like control, he frequented his kennels at Wollaton; but the charm not working, he sent for the old feeder at Colwick, intimated a suspicion that Mr. Musters carried some bullock's liver scented with aniseed, or other preparation, and offered a handsome reward for the secret. "Lord bless you, my lord, it's nought of the sort. I have often wondered the same thing, why I 'as fed 'em got treated so disrespectful by 'em whenever the Squire came into the kennels; but 'e never gave 'em anythin': it's all because they've such a natural love for 'im."

For the reason that he loved a good hound, quite outside any question of the pecuniary value, he, although a most courteous field master, never overlooked a hound being ridden over or injured. Indeed, his drastic remarks in the field were sometimes never forgiven or forgotten, more especially as he spared neither rank nor wealth—indeed, the peer was far more likely to get it hotter than the peasant. A pet aversion of his was the light-weighted, hard-riding young fellow of wealth, who thought it the greatest fun to over-ride hounds, scent, and everything else. In such cases, whether duke, lord, or squire, he phrased his objection something in this way:—"You, sir! I thought you had been hunting before. I can't excuse you as I would do those other fellows; you have been jumping over fences, showing off yourself, or your horse, and then riding into my hounds. Now, mind, if this occurs again, either you shall go home or my hounds shall!"

JOHN CHAWORTH MUSTERS, successor to his grandfather, John, of Colwick Hall, was born in 1838 at Wiverton Manor, near Bingham, on the south side of the Trent. He succeeded his father, Mr. John Musters, in 1842.

Mr. J. C.
Musters
—Master,
1860-68;
1871-76.

He was educated at Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford, and almost as a matter of course, was early initiated to the hunting field. Beginning to keep a pack of beagles in 1857, he, under the auspices of Colonel Anstruther Thomson, made his early studies in the noble science. Mr. Chaworth Musters was then a slip of a boy, but the Bicester country gave him a practical initiation to the finer points of foxhunting, which built him up for Mastership of the Quorn.

Following in the steps of the late and last Marquis of Hastings, Mr. John Chaworth Musters had plenty to do when, in 1868, he succeeded to the Mastership of the Quorn. The unfortunate Marquis not having attended too closely to the honours of the position, the Turf possibly occupying too much of his attention. There is an old proverb to the effect that "save for hunting, racing would soon have run him to ground," and it is an estimable fact, as far as Mr. John Chaworth Musters is concerned,

Mr. J. C.
Musters.

that he devoted his attention more strictly to hunting, at least, so far as the early part of his career was concerned.

At his first Quorn fixture in 1868, two foxes gave splendid sport to a representative field, and it was said that the days of the old Squire were revived again. Then came a different colour on the picture. A man to hunt such a pack as the Quorn has to make it a business, and one might almost say, attend to it strictly in and out of season; nerve, courage, and indomitable energy are matters of course.



MR. JOHN CHAWORTH MUSTERS.

The shadow to which we have referred, came in the way of a gambling spirit, which the subject of our notes found it impossible to resist. Perhaps a quotation from *Baily* will best express the *dénouement* as regards this good sportsman and best of fellows. "The cheery meetings at the covert-side seemed to make amends for the cheerless, anxious meetings at Newmarket Heath, Epsom, Ascot, and Doncaster, as he entered *con amore* into the spirit of the chase, and no man could beat him across country in the most trying run with foxhounds. So far all went well for several successive seasons, but at last the mania for betting and racing superseded his love for hunting, and the wear and tear of mind upon a constitution never physically strong, told their oft-repeated tale. His head gave way before continual excitement, and his last days were spent in a lunatic asylum. A short time before

this calamity occurred, I met him looking haggard and careworn, and remarking upon his altered appearance, he said, "How can I look well, old fellow, I never go to bed like you do. If I did I could not sleep."

"Never go to bed, then how do you spend the night?"

"At parties of some kind, from one to the other until the dawn of day, then home for a cup of coffee, lounge on the sofa, then off again on pigskin or wheels, to racing or hunting fixtures."

Earl of
Harrington
—present
Master.

The Stanhopes have been a power in the land from a time that man's memory testifieth not to the contrary. Furnishing to their native land soldiers, statesmen, and men of culture and genius, the family has been ennobled in two separate branches. The representative of the Elvaston branch, Charles Augustus, eighth Earl of Harrington, is a descendant of that gallant Royalist, the Earl of Chesterfield, who was raised to the peerage in 1616, and created an Earl by the first Charles in 1628. Another distinguished ancestor of our subject was that William Stanhope, soldier and statesman, who, after being created Baron Harrington of Harrington, subsequently became Secretary of State, Viceroy of Ireland, and was raised to the dignity of Viscount Petersham and Earl of Harrington.

The present holder of the title THE RIGHT HON. CHARLES AUGUSTUS STANHOPE, EIGHTH EARL OF HARRINGTON, was born in Ireland on January 9th, 1844, and educated at Queen's College, Belfast, and Christ Church, Oxford. In July, 1869, he married the Hon. Eva Elizabeth Carrington, youngest daughter of the second Lord Carrington. A thorough sportsman, it would be difficult to mention a sport, in the best sense of the word, in which he is not interested. Hunting, however, may claim the first



THE EARL OF HARRINGTON.



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Colonel Birkin's "Goring Heath."



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Colonel Birkin's "Springbok."

call on his affections, and in 1882 he became Master of that country, part of which was hunted by the fourth Earl of Lincoln, in 1667, known at the time of his accepting office as the South Notts, but now as Lord Harrington's. He hunts the pack himself, and shows grand sport.

**Earl of
Harrington.**

Had we to describe the Earl in a word, we should write him a horseman in the American sense—that is, one who knows all about horses and the best pastime and work that can be obtained through them.

Perhaps many sportsmen will associate him more particularly with the game of polo. But with that side of his career it is not within our province to deal.

COLONEL RICHARD LESLIE BIRKIN, the Honorary Secretary of Lord Harrington's Hunt, is the son of Sir Thomas Birkin. Educated at Rugby and in Paris, he subsequently entered his father's business. Always interested in military matters, he was for a period of sixteen years a member of the South Nottinghamshire Yeomanry, attaining the rank of major. On the outbreak of the South African War he volunteered for active service with the 3rd Imperial Yeomanry, returning with the rank of lieutenant-colonel in 1902, and was awarded the D.S.O.

**Colonel R.
L. Birkin
Hon. Sec.**

As a boy, he had his first experience with the pack then known as the South Notts, and of recent years he has hunted with these hounds almost entirely. He took up the duties of Honorary Secretary to the Hunt in 1906.

On the Turf he is well known. His trainer, Edward Martin, has a useful string of his horses in training at Lambourne. A very well-bred animal, Goring Heath, by Cyllene - Vagrant Maid, is one of his favourites; he is a stayer, with a turn of speed as well. As a three-year-old, he won the Warwickshire Plate over two miles, beating five opponents; the Long Course Trial Plate of £395, one mile and a-half, at Newmarket, when he beat a field of ten useful animals; and, after being placed several times in that year, captured the Bestwood Plate at Nottingham, over one mile five furlongs. He has since won the Holiday Handicap at Hurst Park (one mile and a-quarter, value £388), making all the running; the Lancashire Handicap (one mile and a-quarter, value £462), easily; besides being often placed in other events. Gaysome, by Oberon - Gay Polly, also carried his colours to victory three times in the season of 1908.

Martin also prepares some of Colonel Birkin's lot for their engagements between the flags. Of these, Springbok, by Springtime - Cicee, is his best. In 1907, this very smart six-year-old won the Hemlock Stone Steeplechase at Nottingham in a canter by five lengths, giving weight to all his five opponents. He followed this by beating seven others over the same course, winning the Plodders' Steeplechase by ten lengths, with 12 st. 6 lbs. in the saddle, and set the seal on his achievements by winning the Grand Sefton at Liverpool, in a field of fifteen first-class chasers, winning easily by six lengths, with 11 st. 6 lbs. up, and beating Rubio, the winner of the Grand National in 1908, who finished third. In the latter great contest he proved his quality, for he was always with the best of the field under the substantial burden of 11 st. 5 lbs.

A member of the Cavalry and two of the yachting Clubs, Colonel Birkin resides at Basford, Nottinghamshire.

The son of the late Mr. John Abraham, of Otby House, Market Rasen, MR. JOHN ABRAHAM was born October 21st, 1869. Educated at Market Rasen Grammar School, he subsequently studied farming. On completing his course he took a farm near Newark and began hunting with Lord Harrington's; he has been an enthusiastic follower of the pack for some twenty years. He has also been a member of the Belvoir Hunt since 1898, besides seeing plenty of sport with the Rufford, Burton, and Blankney Foxhounds, and the Kent Staghounds.

**Mr. J.
Abraham.**

One of the best hunters owned by him was Patricia, a white-faced mare whom he rode five seasons—no day was too long for her. Jock, too, who is still carrying him, is a very useful animal indeed.

Mrs. Abraham, *née* Eleanor Florence, only daughter of the late Mr. J. H. Andrew, of Marnham Hall, Newark, Nottinghamshire, is an enthusiastic lover of hunting and a fine horsewoman. As a breeder and exhibitor of shire horses Mr. Abraham has had his share of prizes at the local shows.

After hunting, his principal pastimes are lawn tennis and golf. He has been Captain of the

**Mr. J.
Abraham.**

Newark Lawn Tennis Club since 1898, and won the Sleaford and Retford silver cups in the Open Tournaments during the seasons 1903-04.

He resides at The Willows, Hawton, Newark, Nottingham.

**Mr. T.
Bradley.**

MR. THOMAS BRADLEY would possibly be better known to many of us in relation to the breeding of terriers than in the hunting field, because in this connection he has given us so many faultless dogs in shape and make. At the same time the subject, as far as these pages are concerned, must be left alone. Hunting is our present theme and we must confine ourselves to the position.



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MRS. BRADLEY.



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MR. T. BRADLEY.

The son of Mr. Thomas Bradley, he was born December 13th, 1868, and educated in our great hunting county Leicestershire. Following family traditions, he studied the science of brewing, and spent his spare time in following hounds in winter. At eighteen years of age he made acquaintance with the hunting field, and Lord Harrington's hounds found in him a promising aspirant for straight riding fame. The Quorn, Belvoir, Mr. Meynell's, and Rufford followed in due course.

Of his hunters we might more particularly mention Lytham and Prussian Blue, both of which have won the Harrington Point-to-Point Races, Mr. Bradley being in the saddle upon one occasion. Among the others, Buckrose and Hannah Lightfoot were something out of the common. Mr. Bradley resides at Munden House, Nottingham.



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MR. W. H. BRADWELL.

**Mr. W.
H. Brad-
well.**

A sportsman generally, and lover of hunting in particular, MR. WILLIAM HOWARD BRADWELL, of "The Park," Nottingham, who was born in 1867, is the son of Mr. John Howard Bradwell. Educated at Nottingham and Shrewsbury, he was early entered to fox, the first packs to claim his suffrages being Lord Harrington's and the Rufford. Engaged in business at Nottingham, he has naturally done most of his hunting with these packs, more especially Lord Harrington's, and asserts that they are both very "bad to beat."

Mr. Bradwell has been for a long period in the South Nottinghamshire Hussars, and is now a captain in the same regiment. Other sports attract his attention when hunting is impracticable, especially shooting, at which he is a very keen hand.

**Mr. G.
Brockton.**

MR. GEORGE BROCKTON, son of the late Mr. William Ripin Brockton, was born on July 18th, 1817. From a lad he was, until 1898, a follower of the Rufford, but since that year he has hunted with the South Notts (Lord Harrington's), and occasionally with the Belvoir and the Blankney.

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Mr. B. H. Checkland.

As a breeder and exhibitor of hunters he has been very successful; winning, amongst others, Lord Harrington's Foal Show Prize. Some of Mr. Brockton's best hunters were Tree Top, by Outfit Snowstorm, whom he rode for six seasons (a horse given him by Mr. Catt, of "The Outwood," Duffield), and Kinurdi, still going. In 1866 he won the South Notts Race.

His sister, Miss Mary Louise Brockton, has followed Lord Harrington's from childhood. In 1907 she was third in the Ladies' Point-to-Point, and second in the Riding Competition.

Another riding member of this family is Mrs. Bissill, the wife of Mr. W. N. Bissill, of Hill House, Saxondale, and daughter of the late Mr. W. R. Brockton. Mrs. Bissill has always been a follower of Lord Harrington's. In 1907 she won the Harrington Hunt Silver Cup, and the following year was again victorious in the same race.



MRS. BISSILL.



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MR. W. BUCK.

Harrington's Foxhounds. He has twice won the Lady Harrington's Steeplechase Cup, and twice Lord Harrington's Steeplechase Race, as well as riding second in Lord Harrington's Point-to-Point.

Owning the greater part of the village of Farndon, Nottinghamshire, in which he resides, MR. WILLIAM BUCK, who is the eldest son of the late Mr. John Peach Buck, was born in July, 1867, and educated privately and at Denstone College. As a boy he hunted with the Meynell, which at that juncture was under the Mastership of Lord Waterpark and Mr. Chandos Pole. When about twenty-two years of age Mr. Buck left England for Australia to embark upon sheep farming. He was in that country for some years, and then crossed over to New Zealand.

Mr. W.
Buck.

He returned to England in 1902, and commenced hunting with the Earl of Harrington's, and has followed them regularly ever since. His favourite hunter is an Irish-bred horse, a fine weight carrier and a splendid performer. When hunting is out of the question, shooting supplies its place, so far as Mr. Buck is concerned.

His wife, Mrs. Alice Maude Buck (*née* Neale of Sibthorpe), is well known with the Earl of Harrington's, with whose hounds she has hunted since childhood.

Amongst the followers of Lord Harrington's Hounds is Mr. JULEX CAHN, who lives at Nottingham. He is fond of the sport, and avails himself of every possible opportunity to get a day's hunting.

The son of Mr. William Checkland, of Leicestershire, MR. BEAUMONT HENRY CHECKLAND was born in the South of England in 1878. Educated privately, he subsequently took up mining engineering, duly qualifying for the profession, and is now a colliery proprietor.



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MR. J. CAHN.

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land.

Mr. B. H. Checkland.

As a boy of tender years the first pack with which he saw sport was Mr. Fernie's. Subsequently during the holidays he spent his time with different packs, notably the South Devon and Surrey Staghounds. Coming to live in Derbyshire, in which county his colliery is situated, in 1898, he began hunting with Lord Harrington's, and has since that time been a constant follower of the pack, and hunted with them during recent years four or five days a week. Occasional days are spent with neighbouring packs, such as the Quorn, Belvoir, Meynell and others. His father and brother are both keen men to hounds.

A football enthusiast, Mr. Checkland is Vice-President of the Notts Rugby Football Club. Taking an interest in all the better-class sports, he is particularly fond of shooting, visiting Scotland annually for deerstalking.

A member of the Junior Athenæum, the Sports' Clubs, London, and County Club, Nottingham, he resides at North End Cottage, West Hallam, Derbyshire.



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MR. R. FRANKLIN.

Born in Berkshire in 1872, when his father, Mr. John Liell Franklin was Master of the Craven, Mr. RICHARD FRANKLIN was educated with a view to becoming a land agent.

He began hunting as a boy with the South Notts during Mr. L. Rolleston's Mastership, of which pack his father was also Master from 1868 to 1871. Mrs. Franklin is also a keen sports-woman, and has hunted all her life. They reside at Oxtot, Nottinghamshire.



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MRS. FRANKLIN.

Mr. R. Francklin.

Mr. A. Heymann.

the old school, Mr. ALBERT HEYMAN, of West Bridgford, Nottingham, is one of the oldest members of Lord Harrington's Hunt. Born in 1837, he began hunting with that pack when Mr. Masters was Master, and was a regular follower until a few years since, when an accident of a serious description—he always rode straight—caused him to vacate the saddle, only, it is to be hoped, for a while. Of his days with surrounding packs, Quorn, Belvoir and Cottesmore, we make but passing mention.

Deservedly popular in his district, he resides at West Bridgford Hall, Nottingham.

The Misses Hooley.

If among the followers of Lord Harrington's hounds ladies do not predominate, those who hunt with the pack are well known for keen love of the sport and regular attendance. In these respects none are more prominent than the MISSES HOOLEY. Daughters of Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley, the five young ladies are all keen sportswomen. The Misses Evelyn, Grace and Violet, the elder ladies, usually ride four days out of six with hounds;



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MR. A. HEYMAN.

Risley Hall, Mr. Hooley's seat in Derbyshire, being most conveniently situated as a hunting centre. All the ladies are devoted to sport in its various phases, and are at home with the gun as they are in the saddle. They have owned many good hunters, and at present keep some thirty in all.

The Misses Hooley.



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THE MISSES HOOLEY.

Keen motorists, Miss Evelyn distinguished herself by winning first prize and medal for driving her car in a non-stop run on September 5th, 1907, under the auspices of the Notts Automobile Club.

The Misses Hooley hunt with many packs, having another seat, called "Papworth," in Cambridgeshire.

MR. BOB HOWETT is the son of the late Mr. Robert Howett and was born in Nottingham in April, 1869. Commencing to hunt as a five-year-old, his earlier experiences were with Lord Harrington's. Following this he extended his knowledge by off days with the Quorn, Cottesmore and Belvoir, returning, however, to Lord Harrington's whenever opportunity permitted. Among the many fine hunters owned by him, Plumer and Essex were two of the best.

Mr. Bob Howett.

His experiences of riding in point-to-point races were of somewhat exceptional kind, as he won three important events in as many weeks. It may be mentioned, however, that he has ridden both on the flat and between the flags in many parts of the world, more especially in Australia, and possesses some fine trophies as evidence of his prowess. He resides at Mabel Grove, Nottingham.



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MR. BOB HOWETT.

The Hon. J. C. Lister.

THE HON. JOHN CUNLIFFE LISTER, son of the late Lord Mersham, of Swinton Masham, Yorkshire, was born August 9th, 1867. Educated at Radley, he afterwards went to Switzerland and studied modern languages. Upon his return to England he resolved to make up for time lost in connection with his favourite sport. Initiating proceedings by some years with the Bedale; he, upon taking up residence at Winwick Warren, assiduously followed the Pychley for three seasons; then,

**The Hon. J.
C. Lister.**

removing to Balderton Old Manor, rode with the Belvoir and Blankney for five seasons. To vary his experiences he whipped-in to the Ross Harriers for a couple of years; and eventually settling down at the White House, Farndon, he regularly followed Lord Harrington's, of which Hunt he is one of the most liberal supporters.

Among the capital hunters sheltered by his stables from time to time, mention must be made of Brian, 16.0, who would face anything, and was ridden by Mr. Lister for twenty seasons. Blacklock, too, was wonderfully fast and a fine jumper, but, unfortunately, met his fate on the field of glory November 27th, 1897.

Mr. Lister breeds hunters as a hobby; and to show what class hunters can be bred, he has ridden them in many point-to-point events.

Mr. Lister married Elsie, second daughter of Mr. William Brockton, of Farndon, who will be remembered as the owner and rider of Primrose in the Grand National. Mrs. Lister has similar tastes to those of her husband. A well-known figure with the Earl of Harrington's, she is recognized as a very fine and accomplished horsewoman.

In connection with a long experience of big-game shooting, Mr. Lister can tell of many "hair breadth 'scapes." He is very fond of fishing and does a great deal with the fly for salmon and trout in Norway. At Swinton Masham, Yorkshire, one of his estates, he owns large collieries; usually, however, he resides at the White House, Farndon, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

**Daniel
Maher.**

Of Irish parentage, DANIEL (or as his intimates and an appreciative public prefer to call him, "Danny") MAHER was born at Hartford, Connecticut, U.S.A., on October 29th, 1881.

At the age of seven years he went to his uncle, Mike Daley, to learn the mysteries of jockeyship. At thirteen, he had so far pleased his relation that he was lifted into a racing saddle, and, upon a horse named Fagot, was placed second in the Owners' Handicap at Providence, Rhode Island. His first winning mount was at the same place, when he steered Phœbus to victory with 5 stone 3 lbs. up. He came on with giant strides, as at the age of seventeen we find that in the course of thirty days' consecutive racing he won sixty events. The high light upon this extraordinary performance was when he, during one day, scored five races out of six on the card, being beaten in the last by his horse bolting on to the rails. On the following day he was first home three times. His principal patron in the States was that fine judge of racing, the late Mr. Pierre Lorillard, so familiar to English Turfites as the owner of *Iroquois*.

**Mr. J.
Oakes.**

MR. JAMES OAKES, J.P., of Riddings House, Alfreton, Derbyshire, was born at Riddings in 1858, and educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Oxford.

He began hunting when a lad, initial experiences being with Mr. Frank Arkwright's Harriers, also the Rufford and South Notts Foxhounds. He is now one of the oldest members of the last-named Hunt, under its title the Earl of Harrington's. In the main he has devoted his attention to the pack in question, but has, of course, had occasional days with the Rufford and surrounding packs. He thinks that probably the best of his hunters have been Wenlock and Pindar. Although fond of most sports, he has not been able to devote so much time to hunting of late years; he finds it too much occupied by public duties. He is Vice-Chairman of the Derbyshire Cricket Club; Chairman of the Education Committee for Derbyshire, and a Justice of the Peace for his county. He is Lord of the Manor of Riddings, and a member of the United University Club, Pall Mall.



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MR. J. OAKES.

Born August 1st, 1877, in Nottingham, Mr. JOSEPH WALTER PIDCOCK, of Ruddington, Nottinghamshire, is the son of Mr. Walter Pidcock, a well-known hunting man in the district.

Mr. J. W. Pidcock.



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MR. J. W. PIDCOCK.

As a boy Mr. J. W. Pidcock hunted with Lord Harrington's Hounds, and has remained a constant follower of the pack, albeit taking occasional turns with the Quorn, Cottesmore, Belvoir, and Blankney. Perfection, a well-known horse in Lord Harrington's country, was one of the first of his many useful hunters, while Cyprus, Ancaster, Bayleaf, Min-



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MRS. PIDCOCK.

ister and Fakenham, the property of his late father, are still remembered as the winners of many point-to-point races. The Squire, Soudan, and The Whaup also distinguished themselves as race winners.

Mr. Pidcock married in 1904, Miss Daisy Freda, daughter of Mr. C. Kendrick Jones. Mrs. Pidcock is also a keen and fine rider to hounds. Interested in all sports, Mr. Pidcock places hunting first.

Few men are better known or more respected in the sporting world generally than SIR JOHN ROBINSON. The eldest son of the late Mr. Thomas Robinson, of the Manor House, Arnold, he was born on July 8th, 1839, and is a J.P. for Nottinghamshire and for Nottingham; was a member of the Nottingham County Council, 1876-96; Sheriff of Nottingham, 1888; and High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, 1901.

Sir J. Robinson.

Essentially a man of affairs, Sir John Robinson has been the founder and proprietor of numerous businesses, all of which have been a financial success. A lover of racing from his youth up, the name of his successes is legion, and too numerous to catalogue here. With a great eye for a good horse, he founded a stud-farm on his splendid estate, Worksop Manor, Nottinghamshire. Almost needless to say that, under his energetic supervision, this has also proved a success, and many are the good horses which have been bred there.

Early initiated to the noble science of hunting, Sir John at the present time is known throughout the Midlands, and more especially in Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire, as a keen follower of the chase. For some twenty years he was Honorary Secretary to Lord Harrington's Hunt, and, in addition to that pack, is well known with the Quorn, Rufford, Belvoir, York and Ainsty, Bramham Moor, Grove, and most of the leading South Country packs, including the West, and in Devonshire more particularly.



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SIR JOHN AND LADY ROBINSON.

**Sir J.
Robinson.**

Needless to say, foxes are strictly preserved on his extensive estates. Another of his properties in Nottinghamshire is Thurgarton Priory.

Sir John Robinson is a staunch Conservative, and a member of the Carlton Club.

**Mr. J. H.
Smith.**

MR. JOHN HENRY SMITH, M.P.S., of Newark, was born on November 13th, 1859. He studied the profession of chemistry and pharmacy, taking major in pharmacy about the year 1881.

With the exception of an occasional day or so with the Rufford, Belvoir, and the Blankney Foxhounds, he has been a regular follower of Lord Harrington's Hounds since he was six years old. One of his best hunters was Sligo, an Irish horse standing 16.0, who carried him for eight seasons.

He is a very successful breeder of hunters.

**Major-Gen.
W. E.
Warrand.**

MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM EDMUND WARRAND, J.P., of Westhorpe Hall, Southwell, D.L. for Nottinghamshire and Inverness-shire, was born on January 2nd, 1831, and is the son of the late Major Robert Warrand (Imiskilling Dragoons); he married Isabella Mary, second daughter of the late Rev. H. Honson, M.A., B.A., of Brent, Burton.

He was educated at Addiscombe Military College, and subsequently entered the Army (Royal Engineers) in June, 1849, retiring as major-general in the year 1884. He served with distinction through the Indian Mutiny, and had the misfortune to lose an arm at the siege of Delhi (mentioned in despatches).

Beginning to hunt with the South Notts, under the Mastership of old Jack Musters, he has seen sport with many of the best packs in England under different Masters, whose careers are now matters of hunting history.

Of the finest of his horses, we may recall Whalebone, whom he rode nearly eighteen seasons, The Irish Grey, winner of the Grand Military Steeplechase held at Windsor in 1875 (hunted three seasons), and Wonder, another Irish horse, who carried him for five seasons. He is a successful breeder of hunters, for private use only.

His daughter is a well-known figure on her favourite hunter, Wizard, by Gay Deceiver, by Pirate Chief, with the Earl of Harrington's, the Rufford, and the Blankney Hounds.

**G. H.
Williamson.
son.**

Born in Nottingham in October, 1870, GEORGE HARRISON WILLIAMSON, the great cross-country rider, tells us that he ascribes his successes between the flags to his hunting experiences. These began very early indeed—as a child in fact—when he first saw a hound as a diminutive follower of Mr. L. Rolleston, now Colonel Rolleston, D.S.O.

So much did he love the sport that he drifted into riding across country as a gentleman amateur, from which the transition to professional jockeyship became easy.

Perhaps we associate the successes of Mr. Williamson in the saddle, more especially with the triumph of that great horse Manifesto, in the Grand National of 1899. This was not the first time that Manifesto had scored, but when previously successful, two years before, he had been ridden by T. Kavanagh, when, with 11 stone 3 lbs. in the saddle, he won in a canter by twenty lengths. At that time Manifesto was the property of Mr. Dyas, but was afterwards sold to Mr. Bulteel, under whose auspices Mr. Williamson had the mount in 1899. It remained with Manifesto to tie with another great horse, Cloister, by carrying 12 stone 7 lbs., and the honour of steering him rested with the subject of these notes. How Mr. Williamson nursed the great horse until approaching the last fence is a thrice-told tale, when he passed Ambush, Dead Level, and Elliuan, almost as though they were standing still, and it was only due to the fact of Mr. Williamson's superb riding and refusal to overstrain his mount, that he won by five lengths instead of twenty.

As might be expected of such a fine judge of horses, he has owned many good hunters. He thinks that the best of them, perhaps, was Gentleman Joe, who carried him well through many a long day with Lord Harrington's; and, as he loves hunting purely for the sport it brings, he has seen most of the best days with those hounds.

When he takes occasional off-days from his favourites it is with such celebrated packs as the Belvoir, Cottesmore, and Quorn.



Mr. George Williamson.

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MR. C. S. WRIGHT.

Mr. Williamson came of a good old hunting stock, and a few years back the family traditions were kept up by his father and mother, who both rode well to hounds.

G. H. Williamson.

Our subject, who is not riding between the flags quite so much as heretofore, now resides at Carrington, Nottingham.

Mr. C. S. Wright, of Cranmer House, Mapperley, Nottinghamshire, is a prominent member of Lord Harrington's Hounds.

Mr. C. S. Wright.



THE BELVOIR HOUNDS (1902).

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THE BELVOIR.

THERE are records to show that hounds were kept at Belvoir, in 1650, by the first Duke of Rutland, the descendant of Dorothy Vernon, who did not elope with Sir John Manners, as has been stated, but married him in the orthodox way, as his marriage settlement shows. She brought Haddon Hall to the Manners' family. The hound books date from 1710. The Dukes of Rutland have bred nearly all their hounds so well that their "blood" is famous. Lord Granby's Dexter, by Mr. Noel's Victor, is the patriarch of the pack. Their first recorded huntsman was Woods, prior to 1800. Goosey, so famous for his kindness to his hounds, was whip from 1791 to 1816 and huntsman 1816-12; he was presented with a silver vase, holding nine bottles, and £230 in 1835. After Woods came Newman, who carried the horn until 1805, when "Gentleman Shaw," so-called from his politeness, succeeded for eleven years (1816).

Goodall was huntsman 1812-59, and, though heavy, nursed his horse and was always well with hounds. Lord Henry Bentinck said his chief aim was to get to the hearts of his hounds. He considered they should be treated like women, and that they could not be bullied, deceived, or neglected with impunity. Goodall's great hounds were Rallywood, Comms, Trusty, and Guider. His diary shows him to have been a man of some literary power, and his phrases, "screamed over the fallows" and "a blazing hour" (a Galweyan suggestion), are distinctly precious to the sporting scribe. In the 1854-55 season he had not a single fall, and killed 110 foxes in 112 days. Notes on this famous huntsman will be found under the Pytchley, in this volume. James Cooper (huntsman 1859-70) hunted five and six days a week.

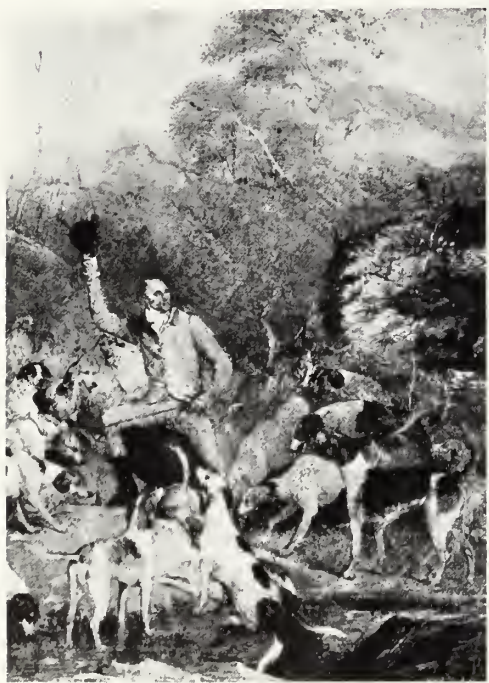
John, the third Duke of Rutland, the first Master, died in 1779, aged eighty-three. His son, the Marquess of Granby, who died in 1770, was a great sportsman, and a good soldier too. For his services at Minden, where Lord George Sackville cut such a poor figure, he was made Commander-in-Chief. His head on inn signboards shows his popularity, like that of Admiral Benbow. His son succeeded his grandfather, and married the beautiful daughter of the fourth Duke of Beaufort, thereby combining two good hunting families. He was too fond of politics, and would have been better employed hunting the Belvoir than as Lord Lieutenant in Dublin (1784-87). Mr. T. Thoroton, Lord G. Cavendish, and Sir C. Haggerstone managed the pack in his absence. After his death, in 1787, Pitt, the young Duke's trustee, got Mr. Percival to manage the Hunt during his minority.

Lord G. Cavendish does not appear to have been very popular, but of the latter, Mr. Dale, in his excellent *History of the Belvoir Hunt*, says:—"The Belvoir Hounds, in the meantime, were at a standstill, till the guardian of the young Duke, moved by the Duchess, determined to find a suitable Master, and in the choice of Mr. Percival they were most fortunate. No sooner had the new Master taken up the reins than he began to make changes. John Smith and his whipper-in, Farnsworth, both disappeared, and the place of the former was taken by Newman, the first of that line of great huntsmen who have carried the horn with the Belvoir. Mr. Percival, who was brother of the Prime Minister, took up his residence at Croxton Park, and the hounds, which had been previously kennelled at Witsford, were brought to Croxton for their headquarters. No sooner had the pack been removed than Master and huntsman began to consider how to improve the hounds. The Belvoir Hounds of the day, though distinguished by their quality, lacked bone, tongue, steadiness, and size. But there were plenty of walks for the puppies then, as now, and consequently no difficulty about having an ample choice. At first, Mr. Percival naturally turned to his neighbours, and of these Lord Monson's hounds attracted his notice. The pack hunted by Lord Monson was showing good sport, in a country resembling that of the Belvoir, in having plenty of woodland and plough, and the hounds were hunted on the same lines as those of Mr. Meynell,

from whose kennels they had derived many of their qualities. They were very showy and attractive, being mostly of a rich black-and-tan, and it is said, though I think without sufficient ground, that the Belvoir derived their characteristic colouring from the blood introduced by them. Some tan hounds, no doubt, are to be traced to these kennels, as the result of the free use made of Lord Monson's Dashwood, but it was not until the fifth Duke purchased Mr. George Heron's celebrated pack from Cheshire, and incorporated it with his own, that there was any predominance of colour in the Belvoir pack, nor do I think that the latter hounds were drafted for colour before the time of Lord Forester."

Coming to the time when the fifth Duke took the Mastership of his hounds, in the season 1804-05, he, then a very keen sportsman, enlisted the services of a man of superior education of the name of Shaw as huntsman. Known as "Gentleman" Shaw, he had been a groom, and afterwards huntsman, to Lord Moira, from whence he successively went to Mr. Musters and Sir Thomas Mostyn, making a great name with the latter. Shaw was a character in his way, and amusing stories are related of him. It is, however, more to the point perhaps to say that Jack Goddard, one of his fellow servants, and admittedly one of the finest whippers-in of his day, declared that "Mr. Shaw is the best huntsman I have ever seen." That the great Belvoir run of December 10th, 1805, in Shaw's first season, greatly added to his prestige there can be no question. The event has been celebrated in prose and song, and is too long to recapitulate here. Suffice it, therefore, to say that an extraordinary fox, found in Jericho Covert, gave a three hours' run, with a point of eighteen miles, and the hounds were whipped off at Burton Slade, fourteen miles from the find, only Messrs. Berkeley, Craven, Forester, and Vansittart being up. The fox had only touched one covert, and the pace throughout was the best.

Shortly after this, the pack became noted for pace and, after much good service, Shaw retired in 1816, evidently owing to ill-health, and was succeeded by Thomas Goosey. Of Shaw, "Nimrod"



From a painting by Fernely.

T. GOOSEY AND THE BELVOIR HOUNDS.

says:—"I may be allowed to say where I last saw him. It was at Stratford-on-Avon, in Lord Middleton's time, where he had a comfortable house and two good hunters, as also the use of Lord Middleton's stud whenever he had occasion for them; but he was only the wreck of the man I had seen in Leicestershire, having met with the too common fate of mankind—a severe illness." Goosey was not only a first-class hunts and hound man, but a straightforward character and very good-looking—in fact, he seemed to be born for his place. With the approval of his master, he set about bringing the pack to perfection. The puppies were not only sent out around Belvoir, but to the family estates in Derbyshire. Under his auspices, the pack had a series of great runs, and the one in which they found at Ropsley Rise, January 19th, 1818, and, after a desperate thing, only the young Duke and Goosey being in at the death, is still among the folk-lore tales of Leicestershire. The pack began to be known as the fastest of the day, and drew the best riders in the Midlands. It is on record that the annual cost of hunting two days a week was £775 a year.

Among the well-known followers there were the Hon. B. Craven, Lords Huntingfield, Delamere, Robert and Charles Manners, and Forester, and Sir J. Thorold, besides many Quorn and Pytchley men.

The fifth Duke was a great Master for thirty years, but in the end gave up, through his preference for racing, and entrusted the hounds to Lord Forester. In 1828, his horse, Cadland, by Andrew—Sorcery, won the Guineas and Derby, the latter after a dead-heat with The Colonel. Among the famous followers of Lord Forester's day we may mention such local sportsmen as Lord Brownlow, Sir T. Whichcote, Sir E. Welby, Sir M. Cholmondeley, Sir J. Thorold, General Reeve, Colonel Fane, and Major Longstaffe.

Lord Forester (1830-57) always drew till dark, and never carried a watch. He liked well-bred, stout-legged horses, and was a good horseman and breeder of hounds. He hunted five days a week with sixty couples. Towards the end he had to be lifted on to his horse, but the old hero was quite capable when up in the saddle.

The sixth Duke died in 1857. The seventh Duke became Master on his father's death, and hunted the country in grand style, without a subscription, for years, but latterly the fall in value of land compelled him to accept one. He died in 1888. He once jumped Croxton Park wall, six feet, with a drop on the other side.

Frank Gillard (1870-96) is said to have been the last huntsman the Belvoir ever had. He retired with a testimonial of £1,300. In the illustration he is depicted with his horse Sluggard and hounds Fallable, Rothwell, and Dinwood. He began his career as a huntsman and whipper-in to Captain Willett's Harriers near Monkleigh, in North Devon, but after two seasons became second whip to the Hon. Mark Rolle's Foxhounds, and afterwards moved to the Belvoir as second whipper-in. In 1863 he became first whipper-in, James Cooper being the huntsman. Leaving Rutlandshire to go to Mr. Musters, who was hunting the South Notts country, he there succeeded Boothroyd as first whipper-in and kennel huntsman. When Mr. Musters took the Quorn in 1868 Gillard went with him, and hunted the bitch pack two days a week on the Melton side, the Master taking the forest side on the other two days with the dog hounds. Gillard then hunted for a short time with Mr. Coupland, who, when the Duke of Rutland wanted a huntsman, made no objection to releasing him. Thus, in 1870,



FRANK GILLARD.

he, after an absence of four years, re-entered the ducal service, succeeding Jim Cooper as huntsman, with the late Will Goodall as first whip, and Jack Carter, of the Pytchley. In consequence of the absence of the Duke, owing to ill-health, the arduous and delicate duty of acting both as Master and huntsman devolved upon Gillard. Few men would be so entrusted, and it would be difficult to imagine another Hunt servant who could have fulfilled the trust with so much discretion, ability, and tact as he. Under the circumstances the good temper and forbearance of Gillard not only stood him in good stead, but led to his being presented with a testimonial upon his retirement from the position of huntsman when the Duke gave up his hounds, which was highly gratifying to him. This took the form of a cheque for some £1,300, raised by the subscription of 300 gentlemen members and others interested in the Hunt, the presentation being made by Sir William Welby Gregory, in the presence of a distinguished company, on September 24th, 1896. At a later date he also received a massive silver inkstand, in the old English style, by ladies hunting on the Lincolnshire side, and he has also been the recipient of many souvenirs from ladies and gentlemen of the Hunt. It was his custom during his tenure of office to daily chronicle his doings after returning from hunting for the divertisement of the late Duke. The writings have been largely useful in the production of his published reminiscences.

Lord John Manners, the eighth Duke, so well-known in politics, was not a hunting man, but was nominal Master for several years, till Sir G. Greenall was appointed, one of many applicants, in 1896. He fully justified his selection, bringing the management up to date, and building stabling for seventy horses. He first used a special train for distant meets. He was well served by his huntsman, Ben Capell.

Though the meets are accessible from Melton, the best centre for the Belvoir country is Grantham, six miles from the kennels at Belvoir, and about ten from the farthest meet. The country is a varied one of small grass meadows, wide pastures, light heath, and plough.

On Mondays the neighbourhood of the Castle is hunted. Here the plough is light, and the fences easy. Three Queens, Belvoir, Hadaxton, and Denton Hall are the best meets for this part of the country. Once in Belvoir Vale, the plough is deep, and the fences strong, being often

"stake and binds," with deep ditches on one side. Scrimshaw's Mill, Botherford, Elton, and Staunton are good meets for the district north of Belvoir Castle. On the Lincolnshire side, west of Grantham, there is little water, but plenty of posts and rails.

In the neighbourhood of Folkingham the going is good, on fine grass, and plenty of woodlands form excellent cover, such as those of Sapperton and Newton. The fences are strong, and the foxes stout. Linton, Weaver's Lodge, and Newton Bar are the best meets in this district. From Ranceby, north-west to Leadenham is "heath land," composed of immense fields with stone walls. Leaving Leadenham on the east, fine grass country, stiffly fenced, is again encountered—Stubton Gorse, Belton Park, and Syston Park being favourite meets. The Melton country, on the west, is, of course, the best, and attracts the largest fields. Here the favourite fixtures are Croxton Park, Stonesby, Pipes Hole, Hose Grange, and Harby.

Some of the most famous runs took place as follows:—In 1805, hounds met at Waltham, found in Jericho Covert, and ran to Barton and Slade Wood, an eighteen-mile point, in three hours, with only five up at the end.

On December 18th, 1833, the meet was at Newton Tollbar, and, finding at Folkingham Gorse, they ran by Threckingham to Spanby, Saxton Bridge, and Car Dyke, which Mr. Willerton alone jumped. Only two negotiated Helpringham Eau. Goosey and Mr. Tindle got round and stopped hounds, as it was getting dark. They had been riding over two hours after hounds, from Hammond Eau towards Boston. Here they found them, and proceeded homewards, a distance of thirty-four miles to Belvoir, reaching kennels at 1.30 a.m. The fox, an old customer, had given them three similar runs before.

In March, 1857, they ran from Melton Spinney by Ranksborough, on the left, through Owston Wood and John o' Gaunts, by Tilton Field, to Skellington, and killed in the open.

On February 10th, 1853, hounds ran from Stubton towards Stragglethorpe, on the right, and over the Brank, by Brandon Village and Hough Gorse, straight to Normanton Hall, leaving Sparrow Gorse on the left and Ranceby High Wood on the right, through North Ranceby Village, across Ranceby Park, by Bullywell, to Quarrington and Sleaford Station, running into him at Sleaford Carrs. The time was 1 hour 50 minutes, and the distance covered about twenty miles.



THE SEVENTH DUKE OF RUTLAND AND FRANK GILLARD.

The Dukes of Rutland.

According to the *Roll of Battle Abbey*, by the Duchess of Cleveland, the house of Manners took its name from Mesnieres, near Rouen, being mentioned in the Exchequer Rolls of 1198. At the time of the Conquest Richard de Manieres held land from O de Bayeux in Kent and Surrey, but these were forfeited owing to the adherence of his family to Clito, dispossessed heir of Robert of Normandy, the rightful heir to the throne. Dugdale says that the ancestors of the noble family were "persons of great note in Northumberland, for in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of Henry II., Henry de Maners paid 80 marks for livery of his father's lands in that county." Sir Robert de Mannieres, Knight of Ethale (now Etal), in Northumberland, was, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Edward II., returned into Chancery, among the principal persons in the county of Northumberland certified to bear arms by descent from their ancestors.

His descendant, Robert Manners, was, in 1466, deputy to Richard, Duke of Gloucester. He married Eleanor, co-heiress of Hamlake, in Yorkshire, and Orston, in Nottinghamshire. Upon his death his son George became, in right of his mother, Lord Roos, and succeeded to the Baronies of Vaux Trusbut and Belvoir. He married Ann, daughter and heiress of Sir Thomas St. Leger,

by Ann Plantagenet, sister of Edward IV. and widow of Henry Holland, Duke of Exeter. His son, Thomas Manners, Lord Roos, was created Earl of Rutland in 1525, a title before only borne by members of the Royal family. The Dukes
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Among the earliest references to the family love of sport is one contained in a letter written by John Manners from Wilton to the Earl of Rutland, dated June 18th, 1570, in which he says: "I remain with Lord Pembroke all the summer. Your sister finds them both rather parents than kinsfolk. She is somewhat better, but I do not know how she would have done had she not come hither, for Lord Huntingdon's house is so often flitting. I am for the time a country man, and I go hunting with my Lord every day."

Again, of John, the ninth Earl of Rutland, who succeeded to the title in 1679, we read: "He preferred the life of a country gentleman to one in town, and loved greatly buckhunting. It is also mentioned that he and his retainers hunted clad in green, and that so many letters of thanks were found among the Belvoir MSS. for venison pasties and bucks, addressed to successive owners of Haddon Hall and Belvoir, that it is evident deer abounded on both these estates."

Further we read: "The chace deer belonging to the Duke of Rutland range in considerable numbers over the vale and the adjacent part of the hill country, yet, through the liberality of the family and their regard to the interest of the farmer, they are fewer than in former times, when the tillage of the soil was loaded with the heavy expense of nightly watchmen for the preservation of their crops. The remaining animals, which being *feræ naturæ*, are yet not considered as common right as hares and rabbits; the former are found plentifully in most parts of the vale, and the latter, of a very fine kind, at the foot and along the declivity of the hill which leads from the castle to the parish of Strathern.

"This and the neighbouring hill country are celebrated for hunting, and many foxes are found here; a few years since two very beautiful ones of the black kind were turned off from Croxton Park by the Duke of Rutland, with a view to their associating with the common kind, and they did so; but it does not appear to have added anything to the variety or pleasure of the chace."*

John, second Duke of Rutland, who was born in 1676, succeeded to the title in 1711, and died of smallpox ten years later. His son John, the third Duke, born in 1696, is more especially interesting to sportsmen in general and hunting men in particular, as to him and his eldest son, the Marquess of Granby, the inception of what is now known as the Belvoir pack is due. This Duke was essentially a lover of country rather than Court life. He lived partly at Haddon, an ancient seat, but during his life, in about 1700, the family finally quitted the Hall, migrated to Belvoir, and had a less pretentious dwelling erected in the deer park at Croxton, a species of hunting box to which they could retire from the splendours of the Castle. By his marriage with Bridget, daughter and sole heiress of Robert Sutton, Lord Lexington, he added immensely to the wealth of the family in cash and estates. Although Lord Steward of the Household and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the third Duke devoted all his available time to sport. Feeling that his classical knowledge was deficient, he employed, when at the age of thirty-two years, one Michael Maittaire, an eminent scholar, as tutor. The scholar's letters to his noble pupil are happily conceived, notably one in which he promises him a pack of hounds by next post, and follows the epistle by another fully explaining the fate of Actæon as related in *Ovid's Metamorphoses*, with collateral references, and the naïve remark that the pack, though consisting of twenty couples, did not take up much room. It is evident that the tutor knew well how to combine amusement with instruction. It was the third Duke who, while on a visit to Exton, the seat of the fourth Earl of Gainsborough, entered into an agreement which is so interesting to hunting men that we quote it. The parties thereto were John, Duke of Rutland; George, Earl of Cardigan; Baptiste, Earl of Gainsborough; John, Lord Gower; and Scrope, Lord Howe. "Each party shall annually place in the hands of Alderman Child of Temple Bar, by two payments the sum of £150 towards defraying the annual expense of hounds, horses and all other incidental charges. If this be not sufficient by the end of the year it shall be made good by the said party; and if there

* *History of Antiquities of the County of Leicester.* by John Nichols. 1795.

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should be any surplus it shall be equally divided. The hounds are to be kept from the 15th of October until the end of November at Croxton Park; from the 1st of December to the last day of January at Cotsmore; from the 1st of February to the last day of March at Thawson; and from the 1st of April to the 14th of October at such places as shall be determined by the party. The size of the hound to be kept shall not exceed twenty inches in height, nor be less than nineteen. There shall be a Steward, one huntsman, six whippers-in and two cooks to be chosen, turned off, paid, and disposed of by the majority of the said party; also the majority of the said party shall determine on the number of hounds and horses to be kept. Each of the party in turn shall take upon him, during the hunting season, for the space of one week, and no more at one time, the ordering, the stopping of earths, management of the hounds and horses, the appointing the places for hunting, hours for meeting, &c., &c. . . . the first day's meet to be at Croxton Park." The above is from the *Sporting Review*, 1844.

With twenty-five couples of these hounds, Lord Gainsborough, when he separated from the other parties to the above-mentioned agreement, began hunting the Cottesmore country.

The third Duke of Rutland, who died in 1779, was the founder of the Belvoir Hunt as we know it to-day, a significant fact in this connection being that he broke his pack from the pursuit of both stag and hare, and entered them to fox only. This, too, at a time when all classes regarded the fox, not as a beast of chase, but as vermin to be destroyed by any means at their disposal.

The eldest son of the third Duke, the Marquess of Granby, who would have succeeded to the dukedom had he not predeceased his father, was an even keener sportsman, and although a lover of literature and art, a family characteristic, was more of a man of action. The third Duke laid particular stress upon his education. He had been carefully grounded after the manner of the day, learning to write verses at Eton, and read and construe the classics at Trinity College, Cambridge, completing his course by a grand tour with the learned Dr. Ewer, afterwards Bishop of Llandaff. He subsequently, at the age of twenty-one, entered the House of Commons as Member for Grantham. The latter, of course, involved no active electioneering, it being in the days of pocket boroughs, and the member was nominated only to join what was an excellent political club, and vote for his party when requested. During his minority he had, however, had a sporting education also. A few years before his birth the Belvoir pack, as before remarked, had been entered to fox, and both at Haddon Hall and at Belvoir he saw plenty of sport in a day when hounds hunted at break of day, and the lovers of the sport breakfasted at midnight. Hounds at that time were taken out to awake reynard from sweet slumber after his midnight marandings, and following the trail to eventually "unkennel" him when the serious part of the run began. At



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many such functions the future Commander-in-Chief doubtless assisted, laying in good store of knowledge in the field of sport for the more serious one of war. Finding the House of Commons too slow for his metal, this natural soldier raised a regiment of Leicestershire Blues, of which he was appointed colonel. Varying his time between hunting, drilling his corps, and attending the House upon division nights was insufficient, so he volunteered for active service, obtaining a commission under the Duke of Cumberland. It is not, however, our business to follow his military career. During the intervals of active service the Marquess had not neglected the hounds, and upon settling down turned his attention more especially to improving the pack. Among the first changes was the introduction of Cottesmore blood, Mr. Noel's Victor being used. This, by the way, was not the only change, as the Brocklesby Dexter's services were called into requisition, and between Belvoir and Brocklesby blood there were many subsequent interchanges, it being found that the great pace and quality of the former nicked admirably with the majestic strength, size, and bottom of the latter.

According to *Memoirs of the Belvoir Hounds*, the stallion hounds in use at Belvoir were, in 1756, from Lord Chetwode's kennel; 1757, from the Duke of Grafton's and Sir John Key's; 1760, Mr. Pelham's Vigo and Rattler, and from the Duke of Devonshire; 1762, Lord Thanet's Rasper; 1763, Duke of Devonshire's Victor, Lord Townshend's Captain and Clincher, and Mr. Meynell's Royal; 1772, Mr. Mundy's Bustler; 1779, Mr. Musters' Mentor and Lord Fitzwilliam's Zephyr. The same authority also says: "The huntspeople were chiefly mounted on horses bred at Belvoir. Asparagus, son of Pot-8-os, and Jupiter were good sires; after them Old Home and Sir Harry Dimsdale filled the country with good hunters." It will thus be seen that the best blood of the day, both in horse and hound, was the standard current at Belvoir.

Unfortunately, hard campaigning and excessive drinking (so common to his age), together with the pressure of many creditors, embittered the later years of this fine soldier and sportsman, who died in 1770.

Of the fourth Duke little need be said, as he shone rather in politics, which was his ambition, and as a patron of the arts than in a sporting sense. As all the world knows, he was the friend of George Crabbe, whom he appointed his private chaplain.

Although not hunting much after his youth, he took care to have the family pack maintained. They were entrusted to the care of Mr. Thomas Thoroton, an old servant of the family, whose son Robert, a brilliant fellow and fine horseman, went as a trusted friend to the Duke in Ireland, where he died by his own hand. When the fourth Duke died, his son was only nine years old, which was, perhaps, somewhat fortunate, as the estates had been hard hit by the expensive habits of the boy's two predecessors in the title. The hounds during the fifth Duke's minority were successively under the direction of Lord George Cavendish, son of the fourth Duke of Devonshire, and Mr. Percival.

The death of the beloved Duchess Elizabeth, in 1825, led to the retirement of the fifth Duke, although a young man, from active participation, and he handed over the management to Lord Forester, the son of his sister, the Lady Katherine.

Charles Cecil John, the sixth Duke, was born on May 16th, 1815, and succeeded to the dukedom in 1857. Educated at Eton and Cambridge University, he took his degree at Trinity in 1835. Entering Parliament for Stamford after leaving the University, he subsequently represented North Leicestershire until his elevation to the House of Peers. A keen anti-Corn Law man and supporter of agricultural interests, he was ever a good friend to the peasantry. It is, however, with his fame as a hunting man we have chiefly to deal. Undoubtedly a lover of the science, he was also one of the keenest men and hardest riders in Leicestershire, and no man ever jumped bigger places or incurred heavier falls, and survived, than his Grace. Indeed, when hounds were racing in the dark and a crash was heard, the audience agreed, *non. con.*, that it was the Duke. He was more than once at death's door, but a grand constitution pulled him through. Upon one of these occasions, on his return to covert side, he received an address of congratulation signed by 600 people anent his happy recovery, and upon his successful tussle with a vulpicide, who had shot a fox in front of the hounds. Mr. Dale happily describes it: "The pack . . . suddenly ceased to give tongue, and threw up their heads.

A labourer then informed the huntsman that he had seen a tall man shoot the fox in front of the pack, and conceal the carcase in a hovel hard by. The Duke, who was close up at the time," he goes on to relate, "demanded the fox, and the man declining to hand it over, he dismounted, and receiving another refusal, his Grace, seizing the vulpicide, they both came down, the Duke being top dog. A Spanish Count, one of the spectators, took the farmer's gun from him. Meanwhile the Duke, having bested his antagonist, entered the hovel, took the fox and gave it to the hounds. The Count then came to his Grace with the gun and said, 'What shall I do with the gun, my Lord? Shall we shoot him?' meaning the offender. This, of course, caused much amusement, and shouts



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of 'No, no! put the gun in a wet ditch.' The Count seemed to be much disappointed at this, and remarked, 'We should have made away with him in my country.'"

His Grace died in 1886.

Lord
Forester—
Master,
1830-57.

The Foresters of Salop and Kent, originally settled in the first-mentioned county, are an ancient family. William Forester of Dothill, a son of Sir William Forester of Dothill, K.C., M.P., of Wenlock, 1689-1713, and Mary, third daughter of James Cecil, second Earl of Salisbury, was descended from John Forester (1506), called the younger. His descendant, Cecil Weld Forester, of Willey Park, Salop, by devise of his cousin, George Forester, was created Baron Forester of Willey Park, 1821. The Barons Forester enjoy the privilege of wearing their hats in the Royal presence, which was conferred upon an ancestor of the family by a grant of Henry VIII. The family is noted for its love of sport, and the two bugles, so called in the coat-of-arms, are also representative of the ancient type of hunting horn upon which the *mort* of many a good hart has been sounded.

The uncle of the first Baron Forester, Mr. Forester of Willey, was what has been often described as "a sportsman of the old school."

JOHN GEORGE WELD, SECOND BARON FORESTER, was born on August 9th, 1801, and educated at Westminster, and Christ Church, Oxford. At the latter seat of learning he showed of what stuff he was made in a day when such men as Sir Henry Peyton and Lord Jersey were bright particular stars with the Bicester under Sir Thomas Mostyn.

When in 1830 the then Duke of Rutland (the fifth) wished to reduce the number of his own hunting days, what more natural than that he should requisition his nephew to assist him? He was well used to the pack, and as became a son of the renowned Cecil Forester, as the first Baron was generally known, and the descendant of that Squire Forester who, with his whip, Tom Moody, has been immortalized in the history of the chase. One of his unhappy days shortly before accepting the Mastership is that recorded in the *Sporting Magazine*. "Lord Forester encountered what may be termed an 'awful case' with the Duke of Rutland's hounds this season. His Lordship—a chip of the old block—delights in hounds, and will be with them if it is on the cards. Coming down one day on the Smite, hounds running very hard, he charged it on his line where there happened to be a stake and bound fence on the rising side. His horse touched one of the stakes with his knee. The consequence was that the impetus which would have enabled him to clear everything was checked, and falling with great violence, his neck, back, three ribs and thigh were broken. His Lordship escaped with a broken thumb!"

When Lord Forester took office, the Duke lent hounds, kennels, and stables, and gave £1,500 per annum to the Hunt; he had also £1,000 a year for the Grantham side of the country. Beginning with Goosey as huntsman, and sixty couples of hounds, he hunted five days a week. Goosey was succeeded by another excellent huntsman, Goodall, who seconded his master's efforts. If asked for the time by one of the field, he was wont to reply, "I never carry a watch, sir, as my Lord always draws until dark." Goodall's other joke of how he jumped over the moon, referring to the reflection in the Melton Brook, is well known.

For twenty-eight seasons Lord Forester continued in office, and he and Goodall brought hounds to a pitch of perfection previously unknown. When in 1858 he retired from the direction in favour of the sixth Duke of Rutland, he was presented with a silver statuette, representing the fox in the tree in Croxton Park, which, driven from a high bough, gave one of the fastest runs on record to Melton Spinney. Goodall was also the recipient of a silver cup, containing £300 from members of the Hunt.

Lord Forester, who married on June 10th, 1865, the relict of Viscount Melbourne, died on October 10th, 1874, and was succeeded by his brother.

Sir G.
Greenall—
present
Master.

The Master of the Belvoir since 1896, SIR GILBERT GREENALL is a son of the late Sir Gilbert Greenall, who was made a baronet some twenty years ago; he succeeded his father in 1894. The first baronet, who had extensive estates in Cheshire and Lancashire, was Deputy-Lieutenant of the latter county, and a Justice of the Peace for both. He represented Warrington in the Conservative interest from 1847 to 1868, and again from 1871 to 1880.

Born in 1868, and educated at Eton, the baronet was, we believe, blooded by Captain Park Yates, when that notable sportsman was Master of the North Cheshire. A member of the Hunt, he wore the green collar, which is the best hunting distinction that the county has to bestow.

**Sir G.
Greenall.**

Frank Gillard was retiring, and the then new Master chose as his successor Ben Capell, who had been hunting the Blankney under Major Tempest. That the choice was an excellent one, events have proved. With the co-operation of the late Duke of Rutland, new kennels and stabling were erected, which was followed by a house for the young Master in the best part of the district at Woolsthorpe by Belvoir.

We, who know the success that Sir Gilbert has had in the breeding of hunters, hackneys, hacks, and ponies, are not surprised that Capell and the other servants have always been well mounted. His success in the show yards for the last ten or twelve years would be quite beyond the space allotted for these notes; indeed, they would form a voluminous catalogue, and to name the prizes taken would fill a volume.

MR. WILLIAM NEWTON, son of Mr. R. C. Newton, who still hunts with the Belvoir, was born at Skillington, in Lincolnshire, in 1865. He has always hunted with the Belvoir, excepting five seasons with the Cottesmore. He began farming early, and is interested in the breeding of shire horses. His favourite hunter, a brown mare, Kitty, has carried him for seventeen seasons and has never yet made a mistake. He has acted as Secretary for the Lincolnshire side of the Belvoir for the last six years, and lives at Barrowby Old Hall, near Grantham. His two sons are keen on hunting, and his brother, Mr. F. Newton, follows the Belvoir from Skillington.

**Mr. W.
Newton—
Hon. Sec.**

MR. C. DE PARAVICINI, of Grantham, son of Mr. Harry Farquhar de Paravicini, J.P., of Sussex, was born in 1880. At the age of seven he began hunting, and first rode with the Southdown, then under the Hon. Charles Brand's Mastership. In 1894, Mr. de Paravicini went to Harrow, where he was in both the cricket and football elevens, and in the holidays hunted at home during the season. Leaving school in 1899, he learnt farming in the Blankney and Belvoir countries for three years. He now hunts regularly with the Belvoir, and with the Quorn and Cottesmore occasionally. He considers the best hunter he ever owned was Dictator, by Roman Emperor—Sultana. The subject of these notes is well known as a gentleman rider, and has ridden winners in steeplechases and points-to-points. He has also ridden successfully on the flat. On Pentonville he won the Granby Handicap at Croxton Park in 1904. His Melrose II. won the Open Steeplechase at Stamford in 1907, and the Welter Race of the Belvoir Meeting at Ingoldsby in 1908. At the same meeting he won the Grantham Steeplechase with Diamant, by Diakka—Manister. Mr. de Paravicini has travelled considerably, and in the season of 1905-06 rode over forty winners in Egypt. He took up the onerous duties of Honorary Secretary of the Belvoir Hunt in 1908, and earned the gratitude of all the Hunt members thereby. He plays a good deal of polo at the Melton Club during the summer. He has played cricket for Buckinghamshire. He lives at "St. Vincent's," Grantham, and is a member of the Orleans Club.

**Mr. C. de
Paravicini
—Hon. Sec.**

One of the oldest members of the Belvoir Hunt, and yet still on the right side of fifty, is MR. JAMES HERBERT BELLAMY, of Grantham, who for the last thirty-nine seasons has hunted with that famous pack.

**Mr. J. H.
Bellamy.**

Mr. Bellamy is descended from a sporting stock, for his grandfather, the late Mr. Thomas Willcox Garner, of Willoughby Heath, Lincolnshire, was one of the most prominent sporting farmers of his day, and his associations with hunting in the times of Goosey, Goodall, and Cooper are still recalled in the county. He numbered among his friends and clients the late Whyte Melville.

Mr. J. H. Bellamy was born on October 16th, 1859, the son of the late Mr. James Bellamy, himself also a farmer, as well as part-proprietor of the brewery business of M. Bellamy & Son. His earliest years were spent with his grandfather, who was responsible for the lad's initiation to riding and hunting. Beginning at ten years old, in the days of Jim Cooper, he was shortly afterwards blooded. Educated at a private school, he eventually took up farming with his grandfather at Willoughby Heath.

Mr. J. H. Bellamy.

Imbued with the love of horsemanship from boyhood he was soon proficient, and was successful in jumping competitions. At the age of fourteen he gained three valuable prizes at the Agricultural Hall over obstacles in the ring. On *Thetis* he won £65 in prizes; on *Loo* and *Riding Master* he won the £30 jumping prize, as well as on *Thetis*, and it should be noted that in those days it was considered an excellent performance to win even £20 in such events. On one occasion at the Islington Show Mr. Bellamy won the riding competition for the best horsemanship, from upwards of forty well-known competitors, on a four-year-old named *Tumult*.



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MR. J. H. BELLAMY.

In 1880 he started business for himself at Willoughby Heath. For thirteen years Mr. Bellamy farmed there. In 1893 he decided to deal exclusively in horses, and, therefore, moved to Grantham, where his business has since yearly increased.

Well known in the sporting world of Lincolnshire, he keeps on the average some forty hunters in his various stables during the season, and has supplied nearly half the leading Masters of Hounds with horses

at one time or another. When the late Mr. Edgar Lubbock took over the Blankney, Mr. Bellamy was responsible for the whole of his stud, supplying altogether twenty-six horses. Mr. Lubbock was one of Mr. Bellamy's oldest clients, and for many years, up to the time of his death, reposed in him the utmost confidence as a friend and a judge of horses.

Mr. Bellamy always buys his horses from Ireland, importing as many as fifty every year. He has two very notable mounts in Buckskin and Hogan Grey. *Kuropatkin*, now the property of Mr. G. H. Powell, of the Grenadier Guards, was formerly one of Mr. Bellamy's horses. It will be recalled that *Kuropatkin* won in 1907-08, among other races, the Grand Military Welter Point-to-Point at Weedon. Before his racing career began, *Kuropatkin* sometimes used to draw a funeral hearse in the South of Ireland.

On the Turf, in his younger days, Mr. Bellamy had his share of successes; he won the notable Farmers' Plate and Billesdon Coplow of the Croxton Park Meeting on Mr. Hutchinson's *The Duke*. He has a wonderful reputation for hunting ponies, as well as natural hunters, and his *Ancaster*, sold to the late Lord William Bentinek, and *Ulster Chief*, sold to Mr. Lord Phillips, became famous.

Mr. Bellamy occasionally hunts with the Blankney, Quorn, and Cottesmore, and has had visiting days with other packs. He still farms about 100 acres in two farms, on one of which, situated on Lord Brownlow's estate, he has a perfect steeplechase course, which has proved useful in the training of many of his hunters.

In 1881, Mr. Bellamy married Miss Christian, the daughter of the late Mr. J. Christian, of Barrow House, Oakham, whose family has been settled there for several centuries. They have two boys who help their father in the business, and are well known in the hunting field.



MR. R. C. BEMROSE.

Mr. R. C. Bemrose.

One of the oldest riders with the Belvoir Hounds, both in point of age and the length of time during which he has been a follower of the pack, Mr. RICHARD CHAMBERS BEMROSE is rightly regarded as the leading hunting farmer in South Lincolnshire. He was born July 28th, 1833, and is the eldest of his generation, in a family who have for centuries

been farmers, settled at Caythorpe. His father, Mr. William Bemrose, and his grandfather before him, were well known with the Belvoir, and did much to propagate good sport in the country.

In 1818, the subject of these notes commenced to ride with the Belvoir, and, more or less, regularly followed that pack till 1863, when he migrated to Northamptonshire; he there hunted with the Fitzwilliam, Woodland Pytchley, and, after 1871, for two seasons, with the Rufford. He returned to Caythorpe in 1877, and has never missed a season since with the Blankney and Belvoir. Mr. Bemrose manages the Poultry and Damage Fund for the Stubton district, and his energies in this direction have been indefatigable. The annual meet of the Belvoir at his home—Frieston—is a notable event, the house being open to all comers, Mr. Bemrose himself dispensing hospitality to friends and strangers alike.

He is fond of shooting. In public affairs he has been a J.P. for many years. He has also been Chairman of the Claypole District Council since its formation. Of several notable hunters which he has owned, the best was Magician (by Berserker), Rip, and also Marquis, of whom we give an illustration, with Mr. Bemrose in the saddle.

Mr. Bemrose is a sound judge of horseflesh and Lincoln sheep, and has officiated at some of the most important shows in the country.

THE HON. R. BERKELEY COLE, third son of that notable sportsman, the fifth Earl of Enniskillen, Master of the Cheshire Hounds from 1896 to 1901, was born, in 1882, in Cheshire, where his father was then living and hunting with the late Captain Park Yates. Mr. Cole, therefore, had his early experiences of hunting with the Cheshire.

On completing his education at Eton, he joined the Earl of March Militia (3rd Sussex), and served in South Africa, in the 9th Lancers, during the last Boer War. Three years in India followed, where he indulged in big-game shooting and played polo. He also hunted with the



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THE HON. R. B. COLE'S PARIS.

The
Hon. R.
B. Cole.

Peshawar Vale Foxhounds. On his return from India, Mr. Berkeley Cole decided to go to British East Africa, to take up farming and developing the country, much in the same way as his brother-in-law, Lord Delamere, had done. He has extensive property there now. Whenever he comes to England, he hunts regularly with the Belvoir. He has a very useful horse named Paris, by Hartstown, out of a mare by Emigrant, of Grand National fame. Paris ran in the Welter Red Coat Race of the Belvoir Meeting of 1908, but, owing to an unfortunate slip, did not pull off the win. Princess Maud, by Ireland, another good hunter who belongs to Mr. Cole, ran in the Sweepstakes of the same meeting in 1908. Mr. Cole is very fond of shooting, racing, and driving. He is a member of the Cavalry Club, Piccadilly, W.



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MR. R. DALGLIESH.

MR. RICHARD DALGLIESH, J.P., D.L., of Asfordby Place, near Melton Mowbray, High Sheriff 1907, Deputy Chairman of Quarter Sessions, Chairman of the Territorial Association, and Alderman of the County Council, Leicestershire, was born in 1844, and first began to hunt with the Duke of Beaufort's Hounds in 1865. He was at one time the owner of Sharrow, by Prince Charlie—Victory, by Knight of Kars, the best flat-race hunter of his day. Some years ago Mr. Dalglish owned and ran a few

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'chasers, with which he was fairly successful. On one occasion, near Melton Spinney, the late Lord Aylesford's horse jumped short, horse and rider both coming to grief in a deep ditch; Mr. Dalglish's mount, an Irish mare, was bolting with him just in the Earl's track; fortunately they cleared the lot; the noble Earl commented roundly on the matter, but never knew who it was. Mr. Dalglish lives at Asfordby Place, near Melton Mowbray, and is an enthusiastic breeder of thoroughbreds. He has at his stud that fine sire Fowling-Piece, by Carbine—Galienne, by Galopin; also Buckminster, by Isinglass—Mynoshita, by Galliard.

**Captain R.
T. Ellison.**

One of the keenest all-round sportsmen in Lincolnshire is CAPTAIN RICHARD TODD ELLISON, of Boultham Hall, near Lincoln. In addition to his achievements in the hunting field, he has won a name for himself among fishermen, and is an excellent shot. Born September 19th, 1867, he is the eldest son of the late Colonel Sir Richard Ellison, K.C.B., of the 47th Foot Regiment.



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CAPTAIN R. T. ELLISON.

His early hunting career began with the Blankney, with which pack he was blooded when eight or nine. At the age of fourteen he went to Eton, and subsequently he studied with tutors for an Army career. While with Mr. Cornish, of Burgess Hill, he hunted with the Southdown, and, whenever at home, with the Burton and Blankney.

He joined the 2nd Life Guards in 1890, and later, for two seasons, was Master of the Household Brigade Drag at Windsor. From that time, until his retirement from the Service, he took up his quarters when on leave at Grantham, and hunted with the Belvoir, of which pack he is now one of the keenest followers. He served in South Africa during the recent war as Adjutant of the Household Brigade combined regiments, and retired in 1902.

In 1896, Captain Ellison married Elma, daughter of Sir Albert Rollit. Mrs. Ellison is as enthusiastic

in the hunting field as her husband, and manages to be out regularly six days a week with the Belvoir, Quorn, and Cottesmore.

Captain Ellison's reputation as an owner of good hunters is famous, and large prices have been realized at his sales at Tattersalls. On one of these occasions his horses averaged £280 a-piece in a stud of eleven horses, and he has twice made £350 with Kilbeg and Theodore. His best hunter was probably Lady Boultham, who won for her owner the Regimental Race twice—first in 1891 and then in 1893. In 1891, Lincoln carried off the same event.

Captain Ellison is a J.P. and D.L. for Lincolnshire, and a member of the Bachelors' and Booble's Clubs.

**Mr. H. M.
Escritt.**

MR. HENRY MANNERS ESCRITT, son of Mr. Henry Escritt, was born in Grantham in 1865. He has always followed the Belvoir, and has visited the Blankney, Quorn, and Cottesmore, and occasionally the Devon and Somerset. Two of his best horses were a bay gelding, called Mowbray, which he hunted for ten seasons, and a chestnut mare, Bluebell. Mr. Escritt, who is editor of the *Grantham Journal*, writes the hunting notes over the signature of "Tally Ho." He lives at 16, High Street, Grantham.

**Mr. W. V.
R. Fane.**

Son of the late Mr. William Dashwood Fane, who in his youth hunted with the Belvoir in the days of Goodall and Goosey, and in middle life with the Rufford and South Nottinghamshire Hounds, MR. WILLIAM VERE REEVE FANE, of Fulbeck Hall, Lincolnshire, was born on October 29th, 1868, his mother being a daughter of the late General Reeve, of Leadenham. Mr. Fane was blooded by Gillson at the age of fourteen; he was then an Etonian, and afterwards went to Trinity College, Cambridge. He subsequently studied for the Bar, and is a member of the

Midland Circuit, though he does not practice. Previous to the time when his father settled at Fulbeck, Mr. Fane lived in London, from whence he used to travel to hunt with the Quorn and Meynell. He has been a regular follower of the Belvoir and Blankney since 1894, and since 1905 has been on the Committee of the former Hunt.

Mr. Fane married, in 1895, Helen Beatrice, second daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Houldsworth Newman, late of Coryton, Devonshire. Mr. Fane succeeded the late Mr. Edgar Lubbock as High Sheriff for the county of Lincolnshire in 1907, and was also appointed to that office for 1908. He is a captain in the 3rd Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment (Militia), and a member of the Junior Carlton and Athenæum Clubs.



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MR. E. W. GRIFFITH.

MR. EDWARD W. GRIFFITH, who was born on December 2nd, 1871, is the son of Captain Wynne Griffith (late Royal Dragoons), of Tarporley, Cheshire, and is brother-in-law to Sir Gilbert Greenall, Master of the Belvoir Hounds. He is a nephew of the late Captain Park Yates, who, it will be remembered, was Master of the Cheshire Hounds for twenty years. Mr. Griffith began to hunt when he was between five and six years of age with the Cheshire Hounds, which pack he followed until his marriage, in 1898, to Bertha, youngest daughter of the late Sir Gilbert Greenall, Baronet, who represented Warrington in Parliament for many years. On taking up his residence at Knipton he transferred his allegiance to the Belvoir, and in the absence of his brother-in-law, Sir Gilbert Greenall, acts as Master of that pack. Mrs. Griffith is also a well-known figure with the Belvoir. In politics Mr. Griffith holds strong Conservative opinions. He farms a good deal on his Welsh estate at Plasnewydd, Denbighshire. He is a member of Arthur's and the Junior Carlton Clubs.



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A son of the late Mr. Thomas Hardy, of Bullwell Hall, near Nottingham, Mr. FRANCIS ALEXANDER HARDY was born at Kimberley

Mr. F. A.
Hardy.

in 1872. Studying medicine both at Edinburgh and in London, he took his degrees between 1896 and 1903. Beginning to hunt at an early age with the South Nottinghamshire (now Lord Harrington's), he occasionally varied matters by taking a few days with the Bicester, with which he rode a notable mare called Ladysmith. In 1903 he started to practice in the Belvoir country, and that noted pack now naturally monopolizes much of his attention when professional duties admit.

Among the good hunters he has owned a chestnut gelding, Pink 'Un, ranked high, but unfortunately broke his back in the hunting field. Undoubtedly the best, and one considered also to be among the finest over the Belvoir country, is a bay gelding, Pilot; he is, indeed, a "bad 'un to beat"; he is depicted in the illustration with his owner in the saddle. Dr. Hardy is known as a hard and skilful rider both with the Belvoir and Blankney, and his brothers, Mr. Fred Hardy, of Orston Hall, and Mr. W. E. Hardy, of Bulwer Hall, South Nottinghamshire, are keen men to hounds.

Dr. Hardy resides at The Grove, Fulbeck, near Grantham,



DR. F. A. HARDY.

Colonel A. Hutchinson

COLONEL ARTHUR HUTCHINSON, V.D., J.P., of St. Peter's Hill, Grantham, one of the oldest resident members of the Belvoir Hunt, was born on April 6th, 1855, and is the youngest son of the late Mr. Simon Hutchinson. With the Belvoir Colonel Hutchinson started to hunt before he went to Repton, where his education was completed. Whilst his brother, Mr. James Hutchinson, of Manthorpe Lodge, also a prominent figure with the Belvoir, is a keen agriculturist, the Colonel has interested himself in commercial and municipal affairs. Locally, our subject holds several prominent positions, and has been appointed Honorary Colonel of the Volunteer Battalion of the 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment, in which he has served thirty-five years, is a J.P. for Grantham, of which town he has served twice as Mayor, and an Alderman both of the County Council of Kesteven and of the Borough of Grantham. Colonel Hutchinson married, in 1887, Ellen Jessie, daughter of Mr. Edwin Wilmshurst, of Retford, and has issue two daughters.

Mr. J. Hutchinson

A notable member of the Belvoir Hunt is MR. JAMES HUTCHINSON, of Manthorpe Lodge, Grantham. Born on July 13th, 1844, he, upon leaving school, entered the Earl Brownlow's estate office under his father, and upon the latter's death, in 1867, succeeded him as agent for



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MR. J. HUTCHINSON.

Lord Brownlow's Lincolnshire estates, a post which he still retains. Mr. Hutchinson began hunting with the ducal pack during the time Will Goodall was huntsman, and has never since missed a single season; hence his connection with the Hunt is one of the longest. For ten years or so he acted as Honorary Secretary of the Lincolnshire side of the country.

In his more youthful days Mr. Hutchinson was looked upon as one of the straightest riders in the Belvoir Hunt. Three times on hunters that he owned he won the Red Coat Race at the Belvoir Hunt Steeplechases—on Gamester, by Sprig of Shillelagh, at the first meeting held at Ingoldsby, and subsequently on Brocade, by Berseker, and Quiz, by Brown Prince. Double X, by Cotherstone, and Connaught Ranger were also horses that carried Mr. Hutchinson prominently with the Belvoir, the former being, in his

opinion, the best hunter he ever rode. His present favourite mount is Domino, by Bergomask. Mr. Hutchinson is considered an excellent judge of horses, and this is shown by the many invitations he receives to judge hunters at the principal shows both in England and Ireland.

He has interested himself in the Volunteer movement from his youth, having, in 1865, joined the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, from the command of which he retired in 1904.

Major W. Longstaffe.

The reputation which MAJOR WILLIAM LONGSTAFFE possesses in hunting circles is one which has fallen to very few men, for when he was seventy-five years old he was still hunting. Born on December 13th, 1831, son of the late Mr. William Longstaffe, of Northbrooke House, Hampshire, he was educated at Woolwich, and subsequently entered the Royal North Lincolnshire Militia, in which regiment he served during the Crimean War, from the years 1855–60. In the latter year he came to Lincoln, and was appointed Adjutant of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment, which post he retained until 1881, retiring, on the occasion of his marriage, with his present rank.

Major Longstaffe's school of hunting was the "H.H." In the late forties he had one or two runs with the Belvoir, and from 1860 until 1906 he never missed a single season with those Hounds. He very often hunted with the Brocklesby in the days of the late Lord Yarborough, and occasionally with the Cottesmore and Quorn. Major Longstaffe has been on the Belvoir Committee for several years, having succeeded Mr. James Hornsby when that gentleman resigned. Possessing

many notable hunters, the best perhaps were Twilight, bought in 1888, by Nightstar Liberty; Sir George, Banker, Guardsman, and Rufus, by Outfit. The Major married, in 1886, Selina Laura, **Major W. Longstaffe.**

eldest daughter of the late Mr. James Saunderson, of Castle Saunderson, county Cavan, by a daughter of Lady Anne Fox, daughter of the last Earl of Farnham, and widow of Philip Broke Turnor, of the 1st Life Guards. Mrs. Longstaffe never hunted, but was an excellent horsewoman.

Major Longstaffe is a J.P. for the Kesteven Division of Lincolnshire, and has been Chairman of the Spittlegate Petty Sessions since 1905. He lives at Little Ponton Hall, Grantham.



MAJOR W. LONGSTAFFE

CAPTAIN GEORGE CAMBORN BEAULIERK PAYNTER, only son of the late Major George Paynter, King's Dragoon Guards, was born on August 2nd, 1880, at Eaton Square, London. Taught to ride by an old groom and by his father, he was blooded, with the Belvoir, by Frank Gillard. Captain Paynter was educated at Eton, 1893-97, where he rowed in the boats, and later studied for the Army Examination, with Mr. Trevor, of Lathbury Park, Newport Pagnell, where he had some hunting with the Grafton.

Captain G. C. B. Paynter.

He entered the Service in 1899, joining the Scots Guards, and was two and a-half years in South Africa during the War; he has since generally hunted with the Belvoir and Quorn, when on leave, having occasional sport with Mr. Fernie's, Cottesmore, Pychley, Albrighton, and Windsor Drag. Captain Paynter has recently come forward as one of the most prominent gentlemen riders of the day, and mention of a few of his successes will not be out of place. He won the Regimental Point-to-Point at Warwick, in 1906, on Blondel, and in 1907 on Bachelor's Pride; in 1908 he finally carried off the Cup with Roscommon II. The Brigade of Guards' Point-to-Point fell to him in 1906 with Blondel, and he was second in the two following years on Bachelor's Pride and Roscommon II. respectively. There was a field of thirty starters in the Grand Military Light-Weight Point-to-Point in 1908, in which he ran second on Roscommon II. The last-named horse also carried off the Ladies' Purse at the Melton Meeting, 1908, the Captain himself riding, and Swindler won the Open Race. This year he also won the Regimental Steeplechase for the third year running, at Hawthorn Hill, and keeps the Challenge Cup. Other successes he has had have been with Mount Prospect's Fortune, who won the Grand Military at Sandown Park, 1908. He was purchased by the Captain for 2,000 guineas; and Omnipotent also won the Open Hunt Race at Lord Exeter's Hunt Meeting in the same year. Blondel and Red Scent, in 1906 and 1907 respectively, won the Regimental Steeplechase at Hawthorn Hill.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. CAPTAIN G. C. B. PAYNTER.

Bachelor's Pride, a half-brother to Bachelor's Button, was probably the best hunter the Captain ever owned. Grey Face was also a fine performer over the Lincolnshire country.

Captain Paynter shoots a good deal, and plays polo for his regiment. In 1906, he shot twenty-six stags in a fortnight, at his father's place, Farlie and Urchany Forest, in Inverness-shire. His two sisters both hunt, though they have only recently taken it up.

Captain Paynter's hunting headquarters are Eaton Grange, Grantham, and he is a member of the Guards', Bath, and Bachelors' Clubs.

Major H. O. Peacock.

MAJOR HORACE OGHAVE PEACOCK was born on September 26th, 1869, the second son of Mr. Gilbert Peacock, of Greatford Hall, Stamford, Lincolnshire. As a small boy of ten years he was blooded by old William Neale of the Cottesmore, during the first year of Mr. Baird's Mastership.

Major Peacock then saw a lot of hunting from home with the Cottesmore, during the holidays from Harrow, where he was for three years. On leaving school he entered business, and subsequently, in 1891, he joined the Sherwood Rangers Imperial Yeomanry, with which regiment he saw service in South Africa during the early part of the last Boer War.

He has achieved several wins in point-to-point races and steeplechases. Perhaps the victory he prized most was the Heavy-Weight Farmers' Race on The Earl, for Mr. Pick, at the Belvoir Hunt Meeting of 1902. His best hunter is Best Man, bred by the late Mr. Hoges, of Hanby, by Connaught, out of a noted mare by Romany Bee. Another good horse he owns is Be Aisy, by Beware; he is brother to Cave, that notable hunter, who during his career has three times at public auction fetched 500 guineas.

Major Peacock is a keen cricketer, and played for Lincolnshire for several seasons—on one occasion against the M.C.C. making a century for his county. He is a member of the M.C.C., I. Zingari, and Free Foresters' Clubs. Fly-fishing is another sport which finds a keen devotee in Major Peacock. He is a member of the Bachelors' and Pratt's Clubs.

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MAJOR H. O. PEACOCK.

Mr. C. J. Phillips.

On the Committees of two historic Hunts—namely, the Belvoir and the Quorn—MR. CHARLES JAMES PHILLIPS, of Old Dalby Hall, Melton Mowbray, is a prominent personality in the hunting world of the shires. He was born August 23rd, 1852, the son of the late Mr. C. J. Phillips, of Mortlake, Surrey. At Brighton, where he was at school, before proceeding to Harrow, he had



MRS. C. J. PHILLIPS ON LADY SELBY.

occasional runs with the Brighton Harriers and the Southdown Foxhounds. After six years at Harrow, he went to Brasenose College, Oxford, in 1871, and from there hunted regularly with the Bicester, South Oxfordshire, and Heythrop. Taking his degree in 1875, he went into business in London, from whence he hunted in the Aylesbury Vale country, which had been the centre of his father's hunting career.

In 1878, Mr. Phillips shared a house with Mr. Wroughton, afterwards Master of the Pytchley and during the eight years of his residence there he was a regular follower of that and the neighbouring packs. In 1886, he married the daughter of Mr. Alexander Leyborne-Popham, of Littlecote, Wiltshire. For the next two years Mr. and Mrs. Phillips hunted with the Pytchley, when they went to live at Staunton, in the Vale of Belvoir, and spent five seasons with the Belvoir, Blankney, and Quorn. In 1893, Mr. Phillips

purchased his present estate, and, three years later, was elected to the Committee of the Belvoir, the Hunt with which his name is most prominently associated.

Mr. Phillips has won the Red Coat Race of the Belvoir Hunt with Erin's Beauty, and the Ladies' Purse, at Melton, with Lady Belmont, by Innisfail, in 1905.

Mr. C. J.
Phillips.

A keen shot, he has for many years past rented a moor every season in Scotland. He is also a driving enthusiast, having been a member of the Coaching Club since 1886. He is a J.P. and D.L. for Leicestershire, and, in addition to several racing clubs, is a member of the Carlton, Junior Carlton, and Wellington. When in London, Mr. Phillips lives at 1, Eaton Square, S.W.

CAPTAIN JOHN SHERARD REEVE, of Leadenham House, Lincolnshire, is one of the youngest members of the Belvoir Hunt Committee, and comes of a very old-established county family. He was born on April 3rd, 1872, the only son of the late Colonel John Reeve, of the Grenadier Guards, and grandson of General Reeve, also of the same regiment, and of the same estate. Both the Colonel and the General were keen hunting men, the latter having been Chairman of the Hunt Committee when Lord Forester was Master. Captain Reeve was initiated to hunting when ten years of age, and was blooded by Frank Gillard during his very early years. At Eton he ran with the beagles, after which he went to the crammer, Mr. Faithfull, of Storrington, Sussex, where there was a small pack of harriers, to which Captain Reeve whipped-in for a season, and a-half, and then became Master for a similar period.

In 1891 he entered the Grenadier Guards, and hunted at home, when on leave, with the Belvoir, Blankney, and occasionally, while doing duty, with the Queen's and Mr. Garth's.

Captain Reeve served in South Africa in 1901-02, and on returning home, settled on his family estate, to which he succeeded on the death of his father in 1897. At one time during a riding tour with Mr. H. C. Chaworth-Musters, he saw fourteen packs of hounds in nine days. He was elected to the Committee of the Belvoir in 1901, four years after his marriage to Sybil Christine, elder daughter of Captain C. C. Oldfield, of South Warnborough Lodge, Hampshire.

Captain Reeve farms a considerable acreage of land. Since his boyhood he has been interested in every form of natural history, and is a Fellow of the Zoological Society. He has published a collection of hunting songs, *Lyra Venatica*. He is a J.P. for Lincolnshire, and a member of the Carlton and Guards' Clubs.

MR. RICHARD ROSE, youngest son of the late Mr. Richard Rose, of Kent, who was closely associated with the East Kent Foxhounds, was born in 1848, and began hunting with the Queen's Staghounds, which he followed for fifteen years. He then hunted with Lord Rothschild's and the Whaddon Chase, afterwards

Captain J.
S. Reeve.



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CAPTAIN J. S. REEVE.



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MR. R. ROSE.

having a couple of seasons with the Atherstone and the Pytchley. In 1904 he came to live at Grantham, and has since followed the Belvoir. His best hunter of former days was Dartrie, while his present string includes Red Prince, which is Mrs. Rose's favourite mount. Mrs. Rose,

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**Mr. R.
Rose.**

formerly Fraulein Henningsin von Leerdthof of Schleswig-Holstein, Mr. Rose's second wife, is well known with the Belvoir, and before her marriage had a few seasons with the Pau Foxhounds, in the south of France.

Mr. Rose is a keen shot, and has a moor in Cumberland; he was formerly a captain in the Middlesex Yeomanry, and, being fond of racing, is a member of Kempton, Sandown, and the Private Stand, Newmarket. He belongs to the Carlton, and lives at 31, South Audley Street, when in town.

**Mr. F. H.
Schwind.**

MR. FRANCIS HERBERT SCHWIND, son of the late Mr. Charles Schwind, was born in Cheshire in 1869, and educated at Repton. Beginning to hunt very early in life, his first experiences were with the Meynell, and he and his two brothers, Mr. W. H. Schwind, the trainer, and Mr. A. F. Schwind, were particularly well-known followers of the Hunt during the Mastership of Mr. Hamar Bass, an innings of some ten seasons. Mr. F. H. Schwind married Miss Heathcote, of Lenton, Lincolnshire, a member of that well-known sport-loving family of which the Earl of Ancaster is the head. Mrs. Schwind is known as one of the best horsewomen in the Belvoir country. When living at South Croxton, Leicestershire, Mr. Schwind was a regular follower of the Quorn for a few seasons, but since migrating to Grantham the Belvoir has demanded his undivided attention. He is fond of shooting and cricket, and lives at "Highfield," Grantham.

**The Rev.
J. P.
Seabrooke.**

No sporting parson of the past century was ever keener hunting man than is the REV. JEREMIAH PLEDGER SEABROOKE, M.A., Rector of Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray.

He is the second son of the late Mr. John Seabrooke, of "Old Lodge," Springfield, Essex, who himself was a noted supporter of the Essex Hunt. Mr. J. P. Seabrooke was schooled in hunting when nine years old with Lord Petre's Staghounds, which pack, together with the Essex and Essex Union, formed the source of his sport until he went to the University. When hunting with the latter pack, he was blooded by the then Master, Mr. Scratton. Educated at Ely Grammar School, and by private tutors, he eventually entered St. John's College, Cambridge, where he took his LL.B. and M.A. degrees. During this period, he hunted mostly with the Cambridgeshire, the Varsity Drag, and occasionally with the Fitzwilliam, his contemporaries being such noted sportsmen as the Rev. Cecil Legard, Mr. J. Maunsell Richardson, Lord Aberdour (now Lord Morton), Sir Arthur Fludyer, and Lord Minto.



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THE REV. J. P. SEABROOKE.

On leaving Cambridge, Mr. Seabrooke took up his residence at home, and whipped-in to a pack of harriers which his brother, the late Mr. Henry Pledger Seabrooke, then kept. In 1872, he was ordained to a curacy at Kirkstall, Yorks, and hunted for two seasons with the Bramham Moor and York and Ainsty, and for

three seasons with the Holderness, from Burton Agnes. He then became an Army Chaplain at Aldershot, where he started a regimental pack of harriers, which he himself hunted for two seasons, and which were in existence for twelve years after he left Aldershot.

After one season with the Bicester, whilst acting as private Chaplain to Lord Ellingham, he came to Lincolnshire in 1881, which year marks the beginning of his Belvoir experiences. For the past twenty-seven years Mr. Seabrooke has been an ardent supporter of this Hunt, and has been on its Committee since 1896. He also subscribes to, and hunts with, the Quorn and Cottesmore.

Before entering the Church, Mr. Seabrooke used to ride in steeplechases and point-to-point races, scoring many wins. He is regarded as one of the finest riders in Lincolnshire, and, despite

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Alfred B. French, N.Y.

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Miss E. Clayton Quinn.

his age, second to none in enthusiasm. Of his many good horses, probably White Eyes, by the Ace of Spades, was the best. At present, his favourite mount is Nigger, who has carried his clerical master for two seasons. In his racing days, he was successful in winning on Ettrick, Sir John, Marnion, Ace of Spades, Lord Craven, Stilty, Faint Heart, and Oppressor.

The Rev.
J. P.
Seabrooke.

Mr. Seabrooke is a J.P. of Leicestershire, and unmarried. He is a landowner in Essex.

One of the well-known lady followers of the Belvoir Hunt, on the Lincolnshire side, is Miss MARION SEDGWICK, of Grantham House, Grantham, who, initiated to hunting by her uncle, Mr. James Hutchinson, has hunted with that pack since she was eight years old. She is the daughter of the late Mr. F. J. Sedgwick, of Watford, a keen sportsman and well-known amateur whip, who for some years ran the "Tantivy" coach from Watford to London.

Miss M.
Sedgwick.

Miss Sedgwick's best hunter was Come Again, by Despair.

The only son of Mr. William Sheriffs, the REV. FREDERICK MARKLAND PERCY SHERIFFS was born in Dublin in 1860, and educated at Bective College, and at the University in that city. Owing to Fenianism, those were bad times for hunting in Ireland, and Mr. Sheriffs' initial experiences, when some ten years of age, were confined to following a rough pack, which hunted sometimes fox, sometimes hare, in a wild bit of country on the borders of the Limerick and the Duhallow Hunts. These were hardly pleasant days, as his father, being a loyalist, was a man marked to be shot.

The Rev.
F. M. P.
Sheriffs.



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THE REV. F. M. P. SHERIFFS.

For some years Mr. Sheriffs lived with an Irish sporting clergyman, the Rev. James Mills, subsequently entering Holy Orders at Worcester. After ordination, he went to work in a large slum parish in Birmingham, and hunted but little when there, but in 1886, going to live at Shenton, in the Atherstone country, he did a good deal with that famous pack. From Shenton he went for two years to a new mission district in Wellingborough, and from there had an occasional turn with the Oakley and Pytchley. As Vicar of Prestwold, he began following the Quorn, which he continued to do for eight seasons. Tom Furr was then

huntsman, and in Mr. Sheriffs' opinion he was the best huntsman and the best man with hounds he ever met. In 1898, our subject went into the Belvoir country, and has since devoted his attention to that pack and the Blankney.

Mr. Sheriffs always gets his hunters from Ireland, as three and four-year-olds, and breaks them in himself. The best he ever had, in his estimation, was Spider, a chestnut gelding, which he hunted five seasons with the Quorn. A bay gelding, Lottery, was another fine hunter well known with the Belvoir, nor must we omit to mention Paddy Whack, a lop-eared gelding, also one of the right sort over a stiff country.

Mr. Sheriffs hunts whenever his duties permit, and is known as a keen rider to hounds. He resides at Caythorpe Rectory, near Grantham.

MR. ROBERT CLAYTON SWAN is the eldest son of the late Mr. Robert Swan, of The Quarry, near Lincoln. His father was a well-known sportsman, and for many years a regular follower of the Brocklesby and Burton, with which latter pack his son had his first hunting, and on which Committee he himself served for twenty years. He was a J.P. and D.L. for Lincolnshire, and a notable public man as well as a sportsman. In his later years he shot a great deal; he died in 1899, aged sixty-five.

Mr. R. C.
Swan.

The subject of these notes was blooded by Will Dale, of the Burton, when he was eight years old. At Eton he was a "wet bob," and ran with the College Beagles for three seasons. In 1882

Mr. R. C.
Swan.

he went up to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and there hunted with the Drag, the Cambridgeshire, and the Fitzwilliam. He rode in 'Varsity grinds and steeplechases, and during vacation hunted with the Burton and Blankney, as he had done during his holidays from Eton. Mr. Swan was in the North Lincolnshire Militia Regiment for twelve years. In the year 1891, the Simmington being without a Master, and the Hunt being in a rather bad way, Mr. Swan took over the office, succeeding Mr. Robert Lesley; he began to entirely reorganize the Hunt, which, prior to his coming, had been a trencher-fed pack, and in recent years had been kept going under varying and trying conditions. He built kennels at Kirby Moorside, and increased the pack to thirty couples of Belvoir-bred hounds. William Burton was his kennel huntsman during the whole of his Mastership, which lasted till 1894, when Mr. Penn C. Sherbrooke succeeded him. Mr. Swan's term of office was marked by an extraordinary increase of prosperity and sport for the Hunt, and his generosity led him to plant a great many gorse covers, as well as improving the standing of the Hunt in many other ways. He next turned his attention to the Morpeth, which, on Mr. J. Blencome Cookson's retirement, was without a Master.

Burton accompanied Mr. Swan as kennel huntsman, being succeeded by H. Chandler (now of the Garth) in 1900. The new Master bought the pack of about forty couples of hounds, and with the purchase of the Goodwood bitch pack and drafts from other kennels increased them considerably. He also added an extra day's hunting per week to the original two. As in the case of the Simmington, so it was with the Morpeth. Mr. Swan's Mastership marked the era of an all-round improvement in the Hunt, and his resignation was sadly deplored in 1902, both by the farmers and members of the Hunt, who tendered a presentation to both Mr. and Mrs. Swan. He sold the pack to Mr. Creswell for 3,300 guineas. Since 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Swan have been hunting with the Belvoir from Caythorpe, near Grantham. Of the many excellent hunters which he has had in his stables, Squib, by Nine Elms, dam by Edmund Kean; Tambourne, by Harlequin; and Monk have been his best, whilst Mrs. Swan's Bert is well known to the Belvoir followers. Married, in 1892, to Mildred Mary, second daughter of the late Sir George Elliott, Baronet, of the Bedale, Mr. Swan has four daughters. Mrs. Swan is an expert horsewoman, and considered to be among the keenest of lady riders to hounds. She generally gets in four or five days a week during the season. Mr. Swan has a seat near Darlington, known as Rockelyffe Park, and his clubs are the Boodle's, Orleans, and the Windham.

Captain H.
T. Timson.

The son of a notable hunting man, and the grandson of the Mr. E. Timson, Master of the New Forest Foxhounds, 1854-60, it is only natural that CAPTAIN HENRY THOMAS TIMSON should have been fond of horse and hound from his earliest years; during his career he has hunted with most packs of hounds in the kingdom. Captain Timson was born on August 13th, 1859, and is the eldest son of the late Captain Henry Timson, of the 5th Lancers, of Tatchbey Mount, Hampshire. The Timsons are one of the old Hampshire families who for many generations have been prominently associated with the hunting records of the county. At the age of seven Captain Timson gained his initial knowledge of hunting from Sir Reginald Graham, then Master of the New Forest Foxhounds, by whom he was blooded, and for several years he enjoyed hunting with all the Hampshire packs.

Originally educated for the Army, he did not, however, join the regular forces, but, in 1885, he entered the 1th Battalion South Lincolnshire Militia, with which regiment he served until he retired in 1906.

On the resignation of the late Duke of Rutland from the active Mastership of the Belvoir Hounds in 1896, when Sir Gilbert Greenall succeeded him, Captain Timson took a house at St. Vincent's, Grantham, in the heart of the country, and lived there for nine years. He then migrated to Harston, where he remained until 1907, when he took up his quarters in Grantham itself. For the past thirteen years he has been one of the keenest followers of the Belvoir Hounds, seldom missing a day.

The best of his many valuable horses were Chinapot, by Heart of Oak; Alexandra, out of a Macaroni mare (second in the Ladies' Purse at Melton); Breezy Buckshot, by Buckshot; Beleote, Hard Times, and Starvation. The latter is still going, and won for his owner at the Isle of Wight

Hunt fixture in 1907. Captain Timson has bred several of his own hunters, favouring for the Belvoir country the fastest and best-bred horse that can be obtained. Captain H. T. Timson.

A noted shot, he formerly played a little at polo; he is still a member of Hurlingham and Ranelagh. The Captain is keenly interested in racing, though he has never been successful with his horses on the flat. He is a breeder of curly-coat retrievers, and generally has a dog in at the finish in most of the retriever trials.

In 1896, Captain Timson married the daughter of Mr. St. Leger Glyn, of Dorsetshire; they have two children, who hunt regularly with the New Forest Foxhounds with their mother.

Captain Timson succeeded to the family estates on the death of his father in 1906, and divides his time between Lincolnshire and his native county, Hampshire, spending most of the hunting season at Grantham. He is J.P. of Leicestershire, and a member of the Sports' and Orleans Clubs.

MR. ALGERNON TURNOR, M.A., C.B., J.P., is the fourth son of the late Mr. Christopher Turnor, M.P., D.L., J.P., of Stoke Rochford, and Panton Hall, Lincolnshire, by Caroline, daughter of the ninth Earl of Winchilsea, and was born on November 14th, 1845, in London. Trained to ride in early boyhood, in 1859, he received his first brush from Will Goodall, the famous huntsman of the Belvoir. At Eton he whipped in to the Beagles, and later, on going to Christ Church, Oxford, hunted with the neighbouring packs, and in the year 1865 rode the winner of the House "grinds."

Mr. A. Turnor.

Cromwell, a fine horse owned by the late Sir William Milner, Baronet.

In 1867, he entered the Treasury, and for a time his public duties prevented him from participating with regularity in hunting. He was appointed private secretary to the Permanent Secretary, and in 1874 to the Earl of Beaconsfield, K.G., Prime Minister. However, whenever opportunity occurred he hunted from Stoke Rochford with the Cottesmore and the Belvoir, and is a member of the Belvoir Hunt Committee. About seventeen years ago Mr. Turnor rented Goadby Hall, near Melton Mowbray, and his hunting ever since has been from this seat. The fastest run which he remembers in Leicestershire was on February 8th, 1868, when, after an unsatisfactory morning, the Belvoir Hounds,



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MR. A. TURNOR.

about 4.30, found a good fox in Burbidge's Cover, two miles from Melton Mowbray, and, running hard across Burton Flat through Gartree Hill, killed him within a field of Ashby pasture in eight-and-thirty minutes—a five-mile point, though the ground covered was probably considerably more.

Mr. Turnor is a member of the Council of the Hunters' Improvement Society, and Chairman of the Committee of the Brood Mare Society; he takes an active part in the promotion of horse breeding with a view to increase the supply of horses for military purposes. He owned a remarkably fine mare, named Sylvia, from which he has bred many useful horses. Other good performers were Game Boy, Sunlight, Rupert, and Pioneer. On the last-named he enjoyed the above-mentioned run with the Belvoir.

Mr. Turnor is J.P. for Lincolnshire, and was created a Companion of the Bath in 1887 in recognition of his meritorious public services. He is a member of the Carlton and St. James's Clubs.

Though only in his prime, MR. WILLIAM HARTLEY WILKINSON, of Malvern House, Grantham, has the unique record of having hunted regularly six days a week for the past twenty years, and has followed over fifty packs of hounds. He was born on June 18th, 1866, and is the Mr. W. H. Wilkinson.

Mr. W. H. Wilkinson.

son of Mr. John Wilkinson, and grandson of Mr. William Wilkinson, one of the largest farmers of Nottinghamshire. His first experience of hunting took place when he was about four years old with the Rufford.

At Uppingham, where he was educated, Mr. Wilkinson distinguished himself in the football eleven, besides taking part in other sports. On his leaving school he migrated to Cheltenham, where for seven years he rode the late Mr. "Bob" Chapman's horses, and in this capacity hunted regularly with the two Cotswolds, "V.W.H.," Duke of Beaufort's, Berkeley, Croome, and Heythrop Hunts.

A change took place, however, in 1893, on the death of Mr. Chapman, when the business passed to his son, who ran it in conjunction with Mr. Wilkinson as partner. At the end of the third year of that partnership Mr. Wilkinson went to Grantham, and has lived there ever since. For the past twelve years he has scarcely ever missed a day's sport with the Belvoir, and, in view of the fact that he subscribes also to the Quorn and Cottesmore, it can be readily understood how he manages his six days a week.

Formerly Mr. Wilkinson used to ride in point-to-point races and steeplechases, but of later years he has contented himself by seeing his horses steered to victory in the hands of another. One of the best mounts on which he formerly raced was Sir Alfred Ludlow. Other good horses which he formerly owned were Hill's Lot, by Noble Chieftain—Miss Goudie, who won many races at Derby, Cheltenham, Warwick, and Ingoldsby, and was eventually sold to Mr. George Thursby; Deliverer, by Dog Rose; Marylebone, by Marylebone; and Van Hooten. Hill's Lot was famous as a natural hunter as well as a steeplechaser. His present most valuable mounts are, perhaps, Cimaroon, by Cimaroon; Swell IV., by Drummond's Pride—Sparrow; and Cresswell. Mr. Wilkinson usually keeps about sixteen hunters in the season.

An instance of his keenness for hunting is cited in the account of the following journey which he performed many years ago, when living at Cheltenham. Rising at four o'clock in the morning, he rode to Todenham, *riâ* Moreton-in-the-Marsh, and from there hacked to Kington, arriving just in time for the Warwickshire Meet. After hunting all day, Mr. Wilkinson eventually stopped at Shuckburgh, near Rugby, and from there rode back to Todenham, where he dined, and later in the evening rode home to Cheltenham. The direct distance from Cheltenham to Kington on the map is fifty-six miles, so that, taking into consideration the distance that hounds ran, it is probable that Mr. Wilkinson rode close on to 150 miles in that one day.

Mr. Wilkinson is a member of the Badminton and the New Clubs.



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MR. W. H. WILKINSON.



THE LATE REV. BANKS WRIGHT.

Colonel F. V. Wright.

COLONEL FRANCIS VERE WRIGHT, late of the 4th North Staffordshire Regiment, served in Italy under General Masi, late Civil and Military Governor of Rome. He was born on December 23rd,

1834, and is the son of the late Rev. Banks Wright, M.A., half-brother to the late Sir Richard Sutton. He married Marie, younger daughter of the late Mons. Ph. Marlet, Juge de Paix, of Sammur, France. He was educated at Harrow, and Trinity College, Cambridge, and was Master of the Cambridge University Draghounds. He commenced hunting under the Mastership of the late Lord Forester, when Master of the Belvoir Hounds, and was blooded by him. He has regularly followed this pack ever since, with the exception of the few years he was abroad and occasional days with Lord Harrington's, the Rufford, the Pytchley, Quorn, and the Burton. Colonel Wright farms some of his own land, and is a keen politician, being strong for Tariff Reform and Colonial Preference. He is a member of the Bath, the Italian (St. James's), and the United Empire Clubs, and lives at Shelton Hall, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

**Colonel F.
V. Wright.**



THE COTTESMORE (1902).

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THE COTTESMORE.

THE Cottesmore country is eighteen miles from north to south and twenty-two from east to west. On the north it runs up to Melton, on the west it touches Mr. Fernie's and the Quorn, and on the south, the Fitzwilliam.

The country may be divided into three strips from north to south. On the east, in the woodlands, where there is some plough, and the fences are hedges and walls. The Melton district in the west is perhaps the best hunting country in England, the grass being perfect, the fields large, the going good, the foxes stout, and the fences big. In the Oakham country in the middle the grass is fine, though there is a little deep plough, the fences being posts and rails and blackthorn hedges. Owston Wood is said to be the finest covert in England and Ranksborough Gorse, near the Oakham to Melton road, the most famous.

The view obtained from Knossington Grange over the line of country from Owston to Burrough presents one of the finest hunting landscapes in the world.

Among the best coverts we may name Stapleford Park, including the Pond Plantation and Laxton's Covert, the Punch-Bowl, Ranksborough, Orton Park, Owston, Launde, Skeffington and Wardley Woods, and Woodwell Head.

Tom Noel, grandson of Viscount Campden, married the widow of the Earl of Gainsborough, who died in 1751, leaving a son of eleven. Colonel Noel, of North Nibley, Gloucestershire, has the account books of Noel's pack, 1753-89, neatly written out in a most business-like way. Tom Noel got on well with his stepsons and lived at Exton, the Earl's seat, keeping the hounds till he died in 1778.

The following epitaph on the death of William Abbey, late huntsman to the Earl of Gainsborough, who died April 22nd, 1772, aged 69, is worth repeating :-

“Reader, behold a genuine son of Earth,
Like a true Foxhound Sportsman from his birth.
O'er Hills and Dales, o'er Mountains, Woods, and Rocks,
With dauntless courage he pursued the fox.
No danger stopt him and no fears dismayed,
He scoft at Fear, and danger was his trade.
But there's a Bound no mortal can o'erleap,
Wide as Eternity, as High, as Deep.
Thither by Death's unerring steps pursued,
By that sagacious scent which none elude.
By a strong pack of fleetest years run down,
He leaves his whip, where Monarchs leave their Crown.
No shifts, no doubles eod the hero save,
Earth is his Kennel, his abode the Grave.
Still let us listen to his warning Voice,
That sound which once made all the Fields Rejoice.
Let Exton's Plains and Walcot's Woods resound
With the shrill cry that cheers the o'pining hounds.
Hark forward, mortals! forward, hark away!
Hark to the summons of that Awful Day,
When the great Judge of quick and dead shall come
And wake each Mouldering corpse to meet its doom.
For this Important hour let us prepare,
'Midst all enjoyments this your constant care.
Then in this world let your affections live,
And leave on Earth what Earth can never give.
With steadfast faith and ardent zeal arise,
Leap o'er Time's narrow Bound and reach the sky's.”

It is interesting to note the financial particulars of those days.

The cost of keep varied from £153 to £1,226 in 1782, exclusive of the money for buying new horses and hounds, saddlery and clothing. Probably they bred the animals themselves. We may multiply these sums by three to get the modern value.

The Abbeyes, father and sons, as huntsmen received £35 12s. 0d. a year each, and M. Tom, kennel huntsman (1771-89) 6s. a week, with a frock and an apron. Other Hunt servants, at various times, got £15 a year each, and stayed long, for the Noels, like most old families, were good masters. The blacksmith's bill was about a guinea a month, and the saddler's rose from £7 in 1753 to £30 in 1786. Oats cost from 11s. to 18s. a quarter. Earth stopping cost about £25 a year, and draught hounds fetched about £5 a couple. In 1753 they used about 160 quarters of oats, and probably kept forty couples of hounds to hunt three days a week, and a stud of fifteen hunters. The hounds ate a great many dead horses, often over 400, and in 1782, 582. These were probably worn-out post horses.

The hounds do not appear to have been kept very well in hand, for we find continually entries of compensation paid for sheep and lambs worried, the sums varying from five to ten shillings a head. William Jackson in 1783 had eighty-nine sheep worried.

Sir A. Lowther was the founder of the Cottesmore Hunt, and gave it its name. He was Master 1788-1802 and 1806-42, and, as Earl of Lonsdale, died 1844, aged 82. He has been described as one of the slow old school, who walked his foxes down. He bought the hounds and made Cottesmore, four miles from Oakham, his head-quarters. From 1802 to 1806, Sir G. Heathcote, as Master, kept the place warm for Sir William.

The Lowther huntsman was A. Abbey, Mr. Noel's man, a bit of a wit, to whom is ascribed the good old story of the parson in the ditch not being wanted till Sunday. This has also been put in the mouths of Jack Mytton and Lord Alvanley. It is characteristic of an age, when sport was at a high, and the church at a low ebb, the rubric of the daily office being neglected everywhere.

Other huntsmen were Lambert, Slacke, and P. Payne. Sir William was, of course, a great houndman and bred many 24-inch hounds, Dexter, Jester, Juggler, Jason, and Lictor being some of his best sires. His were southern hounds of the staghound type, big and squareheaded, but well suited for the country, which was rougher and wilder then than now. The foxes were stont and hard to catch, and powerful hounds were needed to kill them.



J. LAMBERT AND THE COTTESMORE HOUNDS.

Sir G. Heathcote (1802-06) had the grandfather of Dick Christian as stud groom and Lambert as huntsman. His kennels were at Normanton Park.

During his second Mastership, Sir W. Lowther lived at Uffington and at Stocken, where the famous General Grosvenor afterwards resided. When his pack was sold, the pedigrees are said to have gone back for 130 years. After Lord Lonsdale in 1842, Sir Richard Sutton came (this



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BURLEY-ON-THE-HILL, FOR MANY YEARS A FAVOURITE MEET.
The residence of the late Right Hon. G. H. Finch, a prominent follower of the Cottesmore.

good sportsman is more fully described elsewhere). He moved to the Quorn in 1847, and was followed by Henley Greaves (1847-52), who, in turn, was succeeded by Mr. Borrowes (1852-55).

Sir John Trollope (1855-70) afterwards Lord Kesteven, divided the country with Mr. Tailby, the Melton and Uppingham road being the boundary. After two seasons he had to return Mr. T. T. Drake's hounds, which were lent him, and form a pack of his own, which he gradually accomplished in fourteen years. His great hound was Seaman. Colonel H. Lowther (1870-76), afterwards Earl of Lonsdale, and father of the present Master built the kennels at his place, Barleythorpe, and took over the hounds with Jack West as huntsman and old Jim Morgan as whip. The latter, the oldest whip in England, actually whipped in at eighty, and after his retirement, was killed through his horse falling at a "grip."

In the spring of 1871, the Cottesmore enjoyed a famous run from Witham Woods, across the grass to Morkery Wood by Stocking Hall to Exton and through the park at racing pace, killing after a ten-mile run, occupying just under an hour.

Among the famous followers of this period we may note Sir H. Fludyer, father of the Hunt, who lived to be ninety. Colonels Jervoise and Palmer, Captains Trotter, B. Coventry, Dawson, Ashton, and Hartopp, and Messrs. Fludyer, Clayton, Newton, Frewen, Cecil Chaplin, Gerard Noel, W. G. Marshall, R. Tryon, and Finch. Sir H. Jervoise and Mr. Clayton are still followers of the chase. Colonel Lowther carried on the Hunt well, and rode up to his hounds in spite of his weight. He hunted the woodlands a good deal with Jack West as huntsman. In 1872, Mr. Tailby restored part of his country to the Cottesmore, the rest going to the Quorn.

When Lord Lonsdale died, his trustees sold the hounds to Mr. Gosling, who presented them to the Hunt. On January 13th, 1877, hounds met at Leesthorpe, and finding at Ranksborough, ran by the Punch-Bowl, Tugford, and Owston, to Owston Wood, without a check, for forty minutes. From Leesthorpe to Owston is about six miles straight. Amongst those who took part in this run was Major Whyte Melville.

The fourth Earl of Lonsdale held office for two years after his father (1876-78), and was succeeded by Lord Carrington (1878-80), whose subscription was only £1,500 a year.

Then came Mr. Baird (1880-1900), who well sustained the reputation of the Hunt, with W. Gilson as huntsman from 1885. He was succeeded by Mr. Evan Hanbury (1900-07).

The present Lord Lonsdale became Master in 1907. On his grand thoroughbreds he holds his own with any flier and keeps the field in splendid order. His huntsman is Sam Gillson.

Robert, son of Noel, was Lord of Ellenhall, and in the reign of the first Henry had a grant of the greatest part of Granborough, in the county of Warwick, from Lawrence the Prior of Coventry, and the monks of that house. In the reign of Henry II. he founded the priory of Ramton (or Ronton) near Ellenhall, his chief seat, for Canons Regular of St. Augustine. This Robert Noel had two sons, of whom Philip, the second, had Hilcote in county Stafford from his father. His descendant, James Noel, of Hilcote, was in the fifth year of the reign of Henry VIII. nominated by Act of Parliament a justice of the peace for collecting and assessing the Poll Tax. His third son, Noel, at the dissolution of the monasteries, had a grant of the Manor and site of the late Preceptory of Dalby-upon-Wold, in Leicestershire, which had belonged to the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and of the manor of Perrybarr in Staffordshire. In the twenty-eighth year of the reign of Henry VIII. he was sheriff of the county of Rutland, as he was afterwards in the reigns of Edward VI. and Mary. In 1548, having purchased the estate of Brook, in Rutlandshire, he was elected for that county in the first part of the reign of Queen Mary. Sir Andrew Noel, his eldest son, was a man of great note during the reign of Elizabeth, living with such magnificence as to vie with the greatest nobles of his age. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, and became a favourite, but his expenditure obliged him to sell the estate at Dalby. The Virgin Queen composed the following happy distich upon his name: "The word of denial and letter of fifty, is that gentleman's name who will never be thrifty." He was three times sheriff of the county of Rutland, and the Member for that shire in several Parliaments during Queen Elizabeth's reign. The subject of our notes, WALTER NOEL, of Hilcote, was a direct descendant of this

Mr. W.
Noel—First
Master.

Mr. W.
Noel.

illustrious family. He had also an estate in Worcestershire, Belbroughton Hall, and was a major in the county militia, and a keen lover of the noble science. He hunted his own hounds in the Cottesmore country, and was the founder of the pack. To the courtesy of a lineal descendant of this grand old sportsman, Captain H. C. Noel, to whom we are indebted for much assistance in historical matters concerning the Cottesmore, has in his possession letters and diaries with accounts of sport obtained in the beginning of the second half of the eighteenth century, amongst which the following abstract of the conditions entered into in a friendly memorandum of agreement between the Earl of Gainsborough and Mr. Hugo Meynell is worth quoting:—

“Ouston, Laund, Tilton, Skellington, Loddington, Tugby, Alexon and Stockerston Woods, Easton Park, and the woods near Holt to be neutral covers.

“No covers on the Langton side of those above named to be drawn by Lord Gainsborough.

“Ashby Pasture not to be drawn by Lord Gainsborough, Bilsden Coplen to be neutral.

“No covers out Quorn side of Bilsden Coplen to be drawn by Lord Gainsborough.

“All earths in both Hunts to be stopped in common on these conditions, Mr. Meynell will engage to draw in covers, except those above named, which he understands to be claimed by Lord Gainsborough, as belonging to Mr. Noel's Hunt.

“Mr. Meynell hopes he shall be permitted to run his young hounds in Beaumont Chase for the purpose of breaking them for deer, which he has no means of doing elsewhere; and provided that he is indulged with that liberty, he will submit to any restrictions with respect to drawing the Chase Lord Gainsborough shall think proper to prescribe.

“Should these proposals be acquiesced in, the only cover of any consequence, hitherto drawn by Lord Gainsborough, which he would agree not to draw, is Ashby Pasture among the covers which Mr. Meynell has for some years been in the habit of drawing, and which by the agreement he would be debarred from drawing the Priors Browns, and Jampions Coppices, Ladywood, Orton Park, and Burton Gorse.”

Earl of
Lonsdale—
Master
1788-1802
and
1806-42.

THE RIGHT HON. WILLIAM LOWTHER, FIRST EARL OF LONSDALE, was born on December 29th, 1757. The family from which he was descended was one of great antiquity, tracing its origin to the seventh century, being settled in Cumberland and Westmorland, and although the earldom was created as recently as 1807, the ancestors of the subject of our notes had been settled at Lowther Castle before the date of anything like authentic records. Indeed, the family was of knightly rank before the Elizabethan period, and on the thirtieth year of the reign of Elizabeth, Sir Richard Lowther was High Sheriff of Cumberland.



From a painting by Sir T. Lawrence.

WILLIAM, EARL OF LONSDALE.

Our subject was the eldest son of the Rev. Sir William Lowther. Possessed of great influence and a warm supporter of the Government of his day, he was created an Earl on April 7th, 1807, and in the same year chosen a Knight of the Garter. He also held the rank of Lord-Lieutenant of the counties of Cumberland and Westmorland, and was a lieutenant-colonel in the Army. A keen sportsman from his youth up, the Earl took over the pack which had belonged to the Noel family from the year 1753. They were then kept at Exton Park, Rutlandshire, and remained in their possession until 1788, when the subject of our notes, then Sir William Lowther, purchased them, and hunted the country until 1802, and again became Master in 1806, continuing in office until 1812. He had been a most careful breeder during his lifetime, and when he resigned his Mastership the hounds were noted for their size, strength, and symmetry, and fetched large prices. There was an interregnum

during the long term of the first Earl, during which Sir Gilbert Heathcote was in power. The Earl was a remarkably popular man with his neighbours, and we have heard it said that the anniversary of his birthday was observed as a holiday in many parts of Cumberland and Westmorland, when

the toast of "The Good Old Earl" was drunk with three-times-three. Even when over the age of eighty he was still seen in the saddle, and, although he could no longer ride to hounds, he was frequently at the covert side and seldom missed a meet. A patron of literature; a friendship existed between the Earl and Wordsworth, which was alike honourable to peer and poet. One of Wordsworth's ablest efforts, *The Excursion*, was dedicated to his noble friend.

Earl of
Lonsdale.

The Earl died at 7 p.m., on March 19th, 1844, at one of his residences, York House, Twickenham, in the eighty-seventh year of his age.

According to Burke, the family of Trollope is one of great antiquity, and is traced back in the family pedigree to John Trowlope, or Trolope, of Thornlaw, county Durham, who acquired before 1390 the Manor of Morden in the same county by his marriage with the daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Lumley. Another John Trollope obtained with his wife, Margaret, daughter and heiress of Roger Lumley, fourth son of the Hon. Thomas Lumley by Elizabeth Plantagenet, his wife, illegitimate daughter of Edward IV., further lands at Seaton and Hartlepool in the same county. The senior line (of which was the noted Captain Sir Andrew Trowlop, or Trolop, one of the commanders at the battle of Wakefield) became impoverished by the part it took with the Catholic gentry of the North in the Northumberland rising, 1569, and was utterly ruined in the subsequent civil war. The second branch, that of Bourne, in Lincolnshire, was established by John Trollope, a younger son of the Thornlaw family.

Sir John
Trollope—
Master
1855-70.

A direct descendant of John Trollope, SIR JOHN TROLLOPE, FIRST BARON KESTEVEN, was born on May 5th, 1800, the eldest son of Sir John Trollope, sixth Baronet, by Anne, daughter of Mr. Henry Thorold, of Cuxwold. After a preliminary course at Eton, Sir John was put under a private tutor to prepare for the Army, and then joined the 10th Hussars, serving with that smart regiment seven years, when he retired owing to the death of his father leaving the management of the family estates on his hands. A man of affairs, he entered upon his Parliamentary career as Member for South Lincoln in 1844, and continued to represent his constituents until his elevation to the Peerage, April 14th, 1868. He was President of the Poor Law, 1852, and *custos rotulorum* for the Soke of Peterborough.

Beginning to hunt as a boy, Sir John, when in the 10th Hussars, had a varied experience in many parts of the United Kingdom before he was asked to direct the affairs of the Cottlesmore, which, at the time he took office, had for upwards of fifty years been ruled by but half-a-dozen Masters.

At the time of Sir John Trollope, as he then was, assuming the command of this celebrated pack in July, 1855, the country had been vacant for some months. The loss to the district appeared likely to be a serious one, but the subject of these notes coming to the rescue, proceeded forthwith to engage Ben Goddard as huntsman, and purchase Mr. Drake's pack of hounds. For two years only Sir John held office, his tenure being interfered with by a General Election, in which all Parliamentarians were requisitioned to put in their best efforts for the parties they represented. Sir John re-sold his hounds to Mr. Drake, and sent all his hunters but one to Tattersalls, where they realized £2,500, which was, we believe, something more than they originally cost him. The exception unsold was a favourite, bred by Sir John, Loadstone, by Magnet, out of a dam by Captain Candid. This horse was well known in the Cottlesmore country, and had carried Sir John eighteen seasons, during which he had never given him a fall. Magnet was one of the finest hunters of his day in Lincolnshire, then noted for the first-class cattle turned out there. It was said of him that he could carry sixteen stone across country with the speed of a racehorse, and was as sure-footed as a cat.

The political convulsion being over, and the Cottlesmore country still vacant, Sir John again volunteered to take office, stipulating only that he should be asked to hunt that part of the district within reasonable distance of his own residence. A line was accordingly drawn on the map from Melton to Uppingham as his western boundary, Mr. Tailby taking all beyond it on the Leicestershire side, by which arrangement two-thirds of the country was hunted by Sir John. This took place in September, 1857, but our subject had still to get a pack together. This, owing to Sir John's popularity, did not prove so difficult a task as at first sight it might appear.

**Sir John
Trollope.**

Lord Fitzhardinge came forward, as did Lord Henry Bentinck. Drafts from the Grove, Belvoir, and Brocklesby followed, and by careful selection and breeding a large number of puppies every year, he, in time, got together a first-class lot of hounds, level, handsome, and clever.

A fine horseman, he was always equal to fifty or sixty miles a day in the saddle, and was one of the last men to leave his field when the shades of night were creeping on.

Sir John was created Baron Kesteven in 1868, and died December 17th, 1874. He was Master of the Cottesmore from 1855 to 1870.

**Third
Earl of
Lonsdale—
Master,
1870-76.**

The eldest son of Mr. Harry Cecil Lowther, M.P. for Westmorland, and Lucy Eleanor, eldest daughter of Philip, fifth Earl of Harborough, Mr. HENRY LOWTHER, afterwards third Earl of Lonsdale, was born on March 27th, 1818, and educated at Westminster. On quitting Cambridge, young Lowther entered the 1st Life Guards, serving in the Corps for fourteen years, and retiring as a senior captain. Elected for the Western Division of Cumberland in 1847, he sat as a member for the Conservative side of the House, until raised to the House of Peers. With his uncle he began hunting at the age of five years. When he succeeded to the Mastership of the pack in question in 1870, he brought sufficient experience to bear upon a very fast country. He had confined his hunting experiences in a general way to Mr. Tailby's, the Quorn, and Cottesmore. He had a great eye for a horse or hound, and seldom allowed himself to be ousted by the talking division. His wife, the eldest daughter of Mr. St. George Caulfield, of Cottesmore Hall, Oakham, Rutlandshire, was of much assistance to him in playing the part of a model country gentleman of the old school, who supported the best of our traditions. We may mention that the third Earl had a great dislike of the idea that his racehorses should be in any way maltreated. For this reason he never sold them, but when in his opinion they were getting too old to support existence, he had them shot.



HENRY, THIRD EARL OF LONSDALE.

His Lordship died on August 15th, 1876.

**Fourth
Earl of
Lonsdale
—Master,
1876-78.**

ST. GEORGE HENRY LOWTHER, FOURTH EARL OF LONSDALE, D.L. for Cumberland, and Colonel, Royal Cumberland Militia, was born October 1th, 1855, and educated at Eton. He married, on July 6th, 1878, Lady Constance Gladys Herbert, sister of George Robert Charles, thirteenth Earl of Pembroke. His Lordship died on February 6th, 1882, and was succeeded by his brother, the present Earl.

Barleythorpe Hall was built by Colonel Lowther, the father of the fourth and fifth Earls. Early in the seventies it was decided by the late Earl, the subject of this memoir, to rebuild and extend the mansion and appurtenances. The extension of the house itself took the form of freestone facings and renovation wherever it was demanded. Upon landscape, gardening, hot-houses and gardens we have not space to dilate; rather let us turn to the stables. A parallelogram in shape, they are about 150 yards long by 75 wide. The stud groom's house is nearest to the mansion, as it should be. In front of that is a circular ride where the hunters are exercised, and the visitors who do not want their clothes wet can walk from one stable to another. The loose boxes are commodious. Latches, hinges and springs are as clean as the cleanest metal could be, and we heard a legend about the buckets in the stable being bound with silver—whether of the present Lord or his predecessor is a question that we must not tackle at the moment.

He owned great horses on the flat, of whom, *inter alia*, we must mention King Lud when he beat a field of classic performers, including Boiard. But these details form part of our Turf history; therefore it must be deleted from this volume.

**Earl
Carrington
—Master
1878-80.**

CHARLES ROBERT, FIRST EARL CARRINGTON, was born May 16th, 1813. His Lordship is a K.G., K.C., and G.C.M.G., Viscount Wendover of Chipping Wycombe, Buckinghamshire,

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1861.

Mr. William Baird.

Baron Carrington of Upton, Nottinghamshire, in Great Britain, and Baron Carrington of Bulcot Lodge, in Ireland. He was Captain of the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, 1881-85, and Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, 1885-90. Educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge, he graduated in Arts at the latter seat of learning in 1863. A "dry bob" at Eton, he kept the Drag at Cambridge, and showed himself to be a particularly fine horseman, which was hardly to be wondered at, as his first acquaintance with the saddle was when a small boy. After a couple of years in the Buckinghamshire Militia, then commanded by his late father, the second Baron Carrington, he was gazetted to a cornetcy in the Horse Guards, from which regiment he eventually retired as captain. Upon his Buckinghamshire estates he has the two noted covers—High Havens and Mrs. Villiers' Gorse. Making Melton his headquarters for the hunting season, our gracious King, when Prince, was wont to visit his hunting-box, and we have reason to know these were not the least enjoyable of those days when His Majesty was a crack man to hounds. A diversified experience in the flying countries found him, in 1878, accepting the Mastership of the Cottesmore. This he held until 1880, showing excellent sport the while, after which he was succeeded by Mr. Baird.

**Earl
Carrington.**

A bold rider, smart soldier, and one of our best men on the box of a four-in-hand, the Earl is no bad hand with the rifle.

His mother, the late Lady Carrington, was a daughter of the late Lord Willoughby de Eresby, and was the late Dowager Lady Aveland and the then Marquess of Cholmondeley's co-heiress to the honours of Hereditary Great Chamberlain of England.

Earl Carrington married, July 15th, 1878, the Hon. Cecilia Margaret Harbord, eldest daughter of Charles, fifth Lord Suffield, K.C.B.

MR. WILLIAM BAIRD, of Elie, Fifeshire, and Camversdoon, Ayrshire, J.P. and D.L. Ayrshire and Rutlandshire, High Sheriff 1894, and J.P. Fifeshire, Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel Fife Artillery, 1889-96, and Honorary Colonel of Regiment from 1904. Mr. Baird, the eldest son of the late Mr. William Baird, was born in 1848, and educated at Harrow. He married, in 1883, Caroline Muriel, only daughter of Mr. John Alexander Burn Callander, of Preston Hall, Midlothian, and has issue. So much for part of the record in *Burke's Landed Gentry of Great Britain*, which would be little to British sportsmen were it not for the genial individuality of him to whom it refers.

**Mr. W.
Baird—
Master,
1880-1900.**

Beginning to hunt at a very early age with Lord Eglington's Hounds, he followed them consistently until 1878, when he migrated to Melton. Two years later he took up his residence at Barleythorpe Hall, in Rutlandshire, and at the unanimous request of the Cottesmore Hunt, consented to succeed the Earl of Carrington as Master of that famous pack. He continued to hunt the hounds with such marked ability and success that upon his resignation of the Mastership in 1900, he was the recipient of a life-size painting of himself mounted on a favourite grey hunter (as shown in the engraving), the gift being presented to him by members of the Hunt in appreciation of his twenty years Mastership and the splendid sport he had shown.

It must not be assumed that he has deserted the pack by any means, as he is still an active follower of the hounds, rarely missing a day. When staying at Elie House, one of his estates in Scotland, he throws in his lot with the Fife.

Mrs. Baird, who comes of a grand old hunting stock, is as enthusiastic as her husband, and it is additionally gratifying to add that their children follow so good an example. Mr. Baird's hunting box is Deanscroft, Oakham, Rutlandshire.

MR. EVAN HANBURY, recently Master of the Cottesmore Hunt, of Bramston Manor House, Oakham, was born on January 10th, 1854, the son of the late Mr. Robert Hanbury, M.P. for Middlesex, of Poles, Ware, Herts. Mr. Evan Hanbury's first hunting took place with the Hertfordshire Hounds when the huntsman was old Bob Ward, by whom he was blooded during the Mastership of Mr. Gerard Leigh.

**Mr. E.
Hanbury—
Master,
1900-07.**

At Eton, where he was educated, he played both in the cricket and football teams and also distinguished himself by winning the school fives. Proceeding to Oxford, he entered Christ

**Mr. E.
Hanbury.**

Church College. During his four years' stay at the University, he hunted with the Bicester, and earned a name for himself in various branches of sport and athletics, playing cricket for his College. Subsequently he became connected with a brewery business and had occasional hunting from London with Lord Rothschild's Staghounds and the Whaddon Chase.



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MR. EVAN HANBURY.

In 1879, Mr. Hanbury came to reside in the Cottesmore country, since when he has been a regular member of this Hunt. He has been on the Committee since 1896, and in 1900, on the resignation of Mr. William Baird, was elected Master, which appointment he filled with great popularity until 1907, when he was succeeded by the Earl of Lonsdale. Mr. Hanbury has owned several notable hunters which have distinguished themselves between the flags. Of these, Goldmint, by Golden, dam by Peppermint, won the Ladies' Purse at Melton and also two flat races. Tipperary III., an Irish bay horse, also won three races for Mr. Hanbury. Mischief, his present favourite mount, has won the Farmers' Plate at Melton, and also the Melton Town Purse.

In 1886, Mr. Hanbury married a daughter of the late Right Hon. George Finch, M.P., and they have three children, two daughters and a son, the latter, Evan Robert Hanbury, being now Master of the Drag at Oxford. Both the Misses Hanbury, Gwendoline Eglantine and Nesta, have ridden since they were little children.

Mr. Hanbury is an enthusiastic shot, and has bagged big game in North America.

**The Earl of
Lonsdale
—present
Master.**

The present head of the Lowther family, THE RIGHT HON. HUGH CECIL LOWTHER, FIFTH EARL OF LONSDALE, was born on January 25th, 1857, and educated at Eton. He married June 27th, 1878, Lady Grace Cicelie Gordon, 3rd daughter of Charles, tenth Marquess of Huntly, and succeeded his brother as fifth Earl, February 8th, 1882. After leaving Eton he went to a private tutor, and while there owned and rode a few horses. Conceiving the idea of becoming a cab proprietor, with a view to the improvement of these vehicles, he, in 1876, commissioned Forder, of Wolverhampton, to supply a number of his patent hansom, which were painted in the Lowther colours, dark blue and yellow, and were much in vogue at the time. In 1879, on account of his well-known experience in the management of hounds, both in the field and kennels, he was offered the post of huntsman to the Woodland Pytchley pack. His Lordship hunted the hounds as professional huntsman for some considerable time, and never missed a day during that period (except for a fortnight in the summer), feeding and walking them out. In 1882, on the death of St. George, Earl of Lonsdale, our subject bought the celebrated Blankney pack, the original of which had come from Lord Lonsdale's kennels, thus, his Lordship got the pack back into his own hands and hunted the Blankney country as Master. Upon the retirement of Captain Warner from the Mastership of the Quorn, the farmers presented a petition to the Earl begging him to take the country. This he consented to do, and at the Puppy Show in September, 1893, expressed a strong opinion as to the financial department of the pack. This was followed shortly after the opening of the season by a circular letter, requesting those who had second horses out to give orders to their servants to ride with his own second



THE FIFTH EARL OF LONSDALE.

horsemen, to jump no fences, and that the last through a gate should shut and hasp it. Further, he wished second horsemen to confine themselves to places where there was a right-of-way. With a view to the value of the farmers' assistance, he also reminded his followers that they ought to buy their forage, etc., from the farmers over whose land they rode. In order to assist in this most desirable end, he caused to be issued a document of fourteen pages, setting forth the names and addresses of farmers, the forage, etc., for sale, and its quantity, with remarks on the quality, etc., thus following the meritorious example of Mr. Lockwood, Secretary of the Essex Hunt, who, in January, 1889, had invited farmers in the county with either forage or horses for sale to send him a description, in order that he might form a register. At the same time he also invited hunting men to communicate with him in order that he might bring buyer and seller together.

Earl of
Lonsdale.

Before the shooting season closed, the Earl gave Mr. Warner, of Leicester, a huge game order, by means of which some 1,200 tenant farmers each received a present of a brace of pheasants and a hare, which was followed in 1904 by a gift of venison to the puppy walkers. In 1896, being dissatisfied, Lord Lonsdale threatened to resign the country, but was eventually persuaded to remain. He, however, carried out his intention in 1898, and was succeeded by Captain E. Burns Hartopp. His Lordship accepted the Mastership of the Cottesmore in 1907.

MR. HENRY RANBOLPH FINCH, the younger son of the late Mr. George Finch, of Burley-on-the-Hill, Oakham, and brother of the late Right Honourable George Finch, the "Father" of the House of Commons, was born in London on October 18th, 1842. His father was also an enthusiastic hunting man, being a great friend of the famous Assheton Smith, who stayed at Burley for six seasons and hunted from there. Commencing to ride at the age of six, Mr. Finch has, since leaving the University, practically devoted all his attention to the Cottesmore Hunt, of which he has acted as Secretary since January 6th, 1888. His predecessor, the first secretary, was the late Mr. William Wing, of Market Overton.

Mr. H. R.
Finch—
Hon. Sec

Educated at Harrow, and Balliol College, Oxford, Mr. Finch was first whip to the Drag there, the Master then being Mr. W. H. P. Jenkins, now well-known as the successful steeplechase trainer. He took his M.A. in 1866. His subsequent career after coming down from Oxford was devoted to the Bar, where he practised for five years, and then gave it up to become agent to his brother at Burley-on-the-Hill. The best hunter ever in his possession was Indianrubber, wellknown many years ago.

Mr. Finch married, in 1873, Miss Fludyer, sister of Sir Arthur Fludyer, Chairman of the Committee of the Cottesmore Hunt.

Mr. Finch is a keen cricketer, having been a member of the Harlequin Club, at Oxford, and for about forty years a member of the M.C.C.

THE RIGHT HON. HENRY ARTHUR MORNINGTON WELLESLEY, THIRD EARL COWLEY, was born on January 14th, 1866. He is the eldest son of the second Earl and Emily Gwendolen, daughter of the late Colonel Thomas Peers Williams, M.P., of Temple House, Great Marlow. His Lordship has a common ancestor with His Grace the Duke of Wellington in the first Earl of Mornington, who was the father of Earl Cowley's direct ancestor, the Hon. Sir Henry Wellesley; he was also the father of the Hon. Arthur Wellesley, afterwards Duke of Wellington.

At the early age of seven, Lord Cowley was introduced to the art of horsemanship, and shortly afterwards began to hunt with the Badminton and "V.W.H.," the two Hunts in the neighbourhood of his family seat, Draycot, Chippenham. At this time, the second Earl Cowley was also a keen hunting man, and was for many years on the Committee of the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt.



THE COUNTESS COWLEY.

Earl
Cowley.

Earl
Cowley.

Educated at Eton, Lord Cowley later entered the Militia, becoming Captain in the 3rd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, and afterwards joining the Gloucestershire Yeomanry. After leaving Eton, and before reaching his majority, his Lordship, then Viscount Dangan, kept a private pack of beagles at home, which were later changed to harriers. He had these hounds for seven or eight years. In 1895, on the death of his father, he succeeded to the title and family estates, and was also elected a member of the Committee of the Badminton Hunt, which position he still holds. In 1897 Lord Cowley migrated to the Midlands, and hunted from Goadby Hall with the Quorn, Belvoir, and other packs. Since that date he has devoted most of his time during the winter to this neighbourhood, and for the past ten years has been a well-known member of the Cottesmore, purchasing Cold Overton Hall, Oakham, in 1903.

The same year his Lordship married Millicent, daughter of the late Right Hon. Arthur Wilson, first Baron Nunburnholme; her Ladyship is a well-known rider to hounds.

Lord Cowley has always been interested in racing, both on the flat and steeplechasing, and has owned several good horses. When Bloodstone won the Mammoth Hunt Steeplechase at Sandown Park, he had a half-share in the horse, and likewise in Cloister, when he ran second in the Grand National to Come-Away. With his own horse, Murillo, by Cherry Ripe—The Sabine, he won several races, and eventually disposed of him at Sandown for £1,500 in 1897. His best hunter, one in his stables at the present time, is Organ Grinder, by Johnny Morgan.

Several other branches of sport interest Lord Cowley, notably yachting and big-game shooting. In 1901, he and the Countess had a successful trip in East Africa after big game. He formerly owned the auxiliary brigantine "*Puritan*." He has had occasional hunting in Ireland with Mr. Robert Watson and the Meath, and has stalked deer in Scotland.

His Lordship is a member of the Turf, Marlborough, and Carlton Clubs, and of several racing clubs. His heir is Viscount Dangan, born in 1891.

Mr. A. L.
Duncan.

MR. A. L. DUNCAN, of Knossington Grange, Leicestershire, J.P., D.L. for Leicestershire, and High Sheriff for the county, was born in 1850, and was educated at Eton, and Christ Church College, Oxford, where he hunted with the Christ Church Harriers (then under the Mastership of Mr. Lancelot Rolleston), the Old Berkshire and Bicester.

On leaving college, Mr. Duncan went to live at home, and since 1867 has been hunting regularly every season with the Cottesmore, the Quorn, and Belvoir, with the exception of three seasons, from 1871 to 1873, when he was abroad. He is now on the Committee of the Cottesmore.

Mr. Duncan took an early interest in horses and racing. On the flat has owned one or two racers, the best having been London. He is not an advocate of hunt point-to-point racing, as he considers that hunters should not be subjected to the practice of steeplechasing.

Lord
Willoughby
de Eresby.

GILBERT HEATHCOTE DRUMMOND WILLOUGHBY LORD WILLOUGHBY DE ERESBY, M.P., is the son and heir of the first Earl of Ancaster, Hereditary Joint Great Chamberlain of England, and Evelyn, daughter of the tenth Marquess of Huntly.

Born on July 29th, 1867, Lord Willoughby de Eresby was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, taking the M.A. degree. In 1894, his Lordship was elected to represent the Horncastle Division of Lincolnshire in Parliament, for which constituency he has ever since been Member. He is a Major in the Lincolnshire Imperial Yeomanry.

Lord Willoughby de Eresby's hunting career dates from his boyhood with the Cottesmore, when the father of the present Earl of Lonsdale was Master. At Cambridge he filled the post of Master to the University Drag during the season of 1888-89. He has since enjoyed considerable sport with the Belvoir, Quorn, the Pytchley, and the North Warwickshire, but it is principally with the Cottesmore that he now hunts whenever his Parliamentary duties permit during the winter.

His Lordship comes essentially of a sporting family, for his great-grandfather, Sir Gilbert Heathcote, was formerly Master of the Cottesmore Hunt at the beginning of the nineteenth century, the hounds being then kennelled at Normanton Park, one of the present Earl of Ancaster's seats.

Though possessing many fine horses in his time, Lord Willoughby de Eresby considers that

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Mary, Lady Gerard.

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the best of his hunters was his mare Maid-of-all-Work, which won the whip for him at the Cambridge University Steeplechases.

Lord
Willoughby
de Eresby.

Towards the latter part of 1905 his Lordship married Eloise, eldest daughter of Mr. W. L. Breese, of New York. Her Ladyship is also a keen lover of horse and hound, having, previously to her marriage, hunted with the Beaufort pack.

Lord Willoughby is also a noted shot. He is a member of the Turf and Carlton Clubs. Still a young man, a great deal in the political and sporting world may be expected of him in the future.

One of the most noted horsewomen in the shires is MARY, DOWAGER LADY GERARD. Her Ladyship is the daughter of the late Mr. Henry B. Milner, of West Retford, Yorkshire, a banker and a well-known sportsman with the Bramham Moor and York and Ainsty. In her early years Lady Gerard hunted with the Grove Foxhounds in Yorkshire, and later with Sir James Strong's Harriers, Lord Zetland's, and the South Durham Foxhounds. After her marriage with the second Baron Gerard she enjoyed the sport mostly in Cheshire with her husband's, Lord Gerard, Staghounds, from Garswood, Lancashire, the North and South Cheshire, and North Staffordshire.

Mary,
Dowager
Lady
Gerard.

It was about the year 1887 that Lady Gerard took up hunting in the shires, and for the last sixteen years, on and off, has been a regular attendant in the fields of the Quorn, Cottesmore, and Belvoir at various times. Her Ladyship generally takes a place in the heart of the Leicestershire country every season, and thus ensures prolonged and good sport.

Lady Gerard keeps nothing but thoroughbred horses in her stables, and several well-known hunters have been in her possession, the best in the past being La Costa, by Foreshore; Election, by Walmsgate; Irishman, by St. Patrick; Skyscraper, grandson of Hermit, and The Brook, who is still in the field. Playfair was a horse that was hunted for twenty-one seasons, and is still alive, whilst another, Sir William, followed hounds sixteen seasons with only two falls, and won Lord Gerard's Hunt Point-to-Point.

Her Ladyship, who is a member of the Bath Club, has two children, Lord Gerard and the Hon. Ethel, who married the Baron de Forest.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE FREDERICK JOHN GERARD, THIRD BARON GERARD, was born on November 10th, 1883, and is the only son of the second Baron and Lady Gerard. Lord Gerard succeeded to the title in 1902. He has been, all his lifetime, a keen sportsman, and with the fine examples of his father and mother at hand, took up hunting at an early age.

Lord
Gerard.



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SIR A. J. FLUDYER, BART.

In 1903 he was Master of the Cambridge Drag, and kept his own harriers at the University for a season, hunting four days a week.

Lord Gerard's Ewe Lamb won the Quorn Point-to-Point in 1904, when his Lordship first took up hunting in earnest with the Quorn, Cottesmore and neighbouring packs.

His Lordship is married to his cousin, Miss Gosselin, daughter of the late Sir Nicholas Gosselin.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Cottesmore Hunt, SIR ARTHUR JOHN FLUDYER, BARONET, is a sportsman who has seen hunting with this pack ever since his boyhood, and is thus well

Sir A. J.
Fludyer,
Bt.

qualified to hold the position to which he was elected recently on the resignation of the Earl of Ancaster. Sir Arthur was born in 1844, the second son of the Rev. Sir J. H. Fludyer, Baronet, and Augusta, daughter of Sir Richard Borough, Baronet. Sir Arthur's father, the parson-baronet, was a well-known hunting personality with the Cottesmore all his life, and his son, the subject

Sir A. J.
Fludyer,
Bt.

of this biography, inherited his tastes at an early age. He was educated at Westminster, and St. John's College, Cambridge, from whence he hunted with the Cambridgeshire and the Fitzwilliam for two or three years. Since that time he has lived at Ayston Hall, Uppingham, and has not missed a single season's hunting. He very often follows Mr. Fernie's pack, and formerly had much sport with Mr. W. W. Tailby when that venerable sportsman kept hounds. The woods which the baronet keeps entirely for the Hunt are famous, and foxes innumerable are to be found there. The two best hunters which he ever owned were Sweetmeat and Dicebox, by the famous Voltigeur.

Sir Arthur is extremely fond of shooting and racing, and subscribes to the Jockey Club Rooms. He is interested in all departments of agriculture, and is a member of the Royal Agricultural Society and the Royal Rutland Agricultural Society. His clubs are the Carlton and the Windham. In 1876, Sir Arthur married Augusta, third daughter of Sir Edward Borough, second and last Baronet.

Lady Helen
Forbes.

Possessed of sporting tastes almost as strongly marked as those of a literary nature, for which her name is already famous, LADY HELEN EMILY FORBES, sister of the present and fourth Earl of Craven, was born late in the seventies at 16, Charles Street, Berkeley Square, and only lived entirely at Ashdown Park, Shrivenham, Berkshire, the seat of her mother, Evelyn, Countess of Craven, after 1883. Here Lady Helen passed her youth, and hunted, naturally, with the Craven, which, at the time of her initiation, was under the Mastership of the late Sir Richard Sutton.

Her Ladyship's books (she began to write when scarcely in her teens) *Notes of a Music Lover* and *Katherine Cromer* both saw the light of day in 1897, and later *His Eminence*, *The Outcast Emperor*, and *The Provincials* have emanated from her pen, also *It's a Way They have in the Army*, and *Lady Marion and the Plutocrat*.

Lady Helen married, in 1901, Captain Ian Forbes, and has a son and daughter.

Motoring claims most of her Ladyship's outdoor hours, but she is also very fond of music and the study of heraldry, is a keen philatelist, and a member of the Ladies' Athenæum Club, the Imperial Colonial Club, and the Anglo-American Club.



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LADY HELEN FORBES.

Captain the
Hon. R. B.
Fraser-
Robertson.

The only surviving son of Lord Robertson, CAPTAIN THE HON. ROBERT BANNERMAN FRASER-ROBERTSON was educated at Winchester, and Christ Church, Oxford. During the South African War he served with the Gloucestershire Yeomanry, was twice wounded and mentioned in despatches. On his return he received a commission in the 21st Lancers. He is now adjutant of the Leicestershire Yeomanry, and hunts with the Cottesmore and the Quorn. Captain Robertson, who is a member of the Bachelors' Club, lives at Somerby, near Oakham.

Earl of
Gains-
borough.

THE RIGHT HON. CHARLES WILLIAM FRANCIS NOEL, THIRD EARL OF GAINSBOROUGH, is the living representative of that family which, in the early eighteenth century, did so much for the Cottesmore Hunt when that institution first became known.

Lord Gainsborough was born on October 20th, 1850, and was educated at Oscott Roman Catholic College, Birmingham. He joined the 10th Hussars in 1871, and was in the Service for five years. He is a D.L. and J.P. for Rutlandshire, and J.P. for Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. In 1868, he commenced to hunt regularly with the Cottesmore, and also with Mr. Tailby's Foxhounds. In his young days he also hunted a great deal with the North Cotswold, under the Mastership of Mr. Cregoe Colmore, and with the Warwickshire. Latterly Lord Gainsborough has given up active hunting, but is one of the principal covert owners in the Cottesmore country,

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The late Mr. W. Cunliffe Gosling.

and is naturally still interested in all branches of the chase; he is also on the Committee of the Cottesmore Hunt.

**Earl of
Gains-
borough.**

The late Mr. WILLIAM CUNLIFFE GOSLING was the third of the six sons born to the late Mr. Robert Gosling, of Hassobury, Essex, and of Botleys Park, Chertsey, all of whom have been well-known sportsmen and keen followers of hounds.

**The late
Mr. W. C.
Gosling.**

Mr. W. C. Gosling, our subject, whose munificent support of the Cottesmore Hunt has for ever placed his name amongst the foremost sportsmen in the shires, was born on November 2nd, 1838, and was educated at Eton, and Christ Church College, Oxford. On leaving the University, he entered the family banking firm of Goslings and Sharpe, now amalgamated with Barclay's Bank, Limited.

It was in 1863, however, that he commenced to hunt regularly in the Midlands, and making Market Harborough his headquarters, he followed hounds for many years there, together with his three brothers, Mr. Herbert Gosling, Colonel George Gosling, and the late Mr. Frederick Hamlyn. The packs with which they hunted in those days were the Pytchley, Sir Bache Cunard's and the Cottesmore. In 1878, Mr. Gosling migrated into the heart of the Cottesmore country, and, purchasing a house in Oakham, became a regular follower of the last-mentioned pack, and occasionally hunted with the Quorn and Belvoir. He was elected a member of the Hunt Committee, on which he served for many years, helping it considerably by his generous support.

In 1879, the trustees of St. George Earl of Lonsdale determined to get rid of the Cottesmore Hounds, and a serious outlook for the Hunt was threatened. At this point, however, Mr. Gosling came forward in a handsome spirit and offered to purchase the pack himself and have them vested in a Committee for the benefit of the country. The purchase price was agreed by arbitration, and, subsequently, in 1880, Mr. William Baird became Master of the Hounds under this new arrangement.

That fine sporting instinct which was such a notable feature in Mr. W. C. Gosling's personality is equally shared by his younger brother, Mr. HERBERT GOSLING, of Wharfland, Oakham, who has been on the Committee of the Cottesmore for many years.

Mr. Herbert Gosling is the younger of the two brothers, having been born on September 7th, 1841. Mr. Gosling started hunting, as a boy, with harriers, and at Eton ran with beagles. During his four years' stay at Christ Church College, Oxford, where he took his degree, he hunted with the South Oxfordshire, Bicester, and occasionally with the Heythrop. Keeping his own horses at Oxford, he sometimes rode in inter-college "grinds," but did not follow the drag.

On leaving Oxford, Mr. Gosling joined the family banking firm, and from Buckingham hunted for seven years with the Duke of Grafton's Hounds and the Bicester. In 1873 he took up his residence at Springfield, Market Harborough, and at this time the figures of the four hard-riding brothers out hunting together, all equally well up with the hounds, was a common spectacle.

After living fourteen years at Market Harborough, Mr. Gosling repaired to Westbury Manor, Brackley, and during the next eight years hunted with the Grafton and Bicester. In 1895, on the death of his brother, the late Mr. W. C. Gosling, whom he succeeded, he went to live at Oakham during the winter months, and has since practically hunted with the Cottesmore every day when hounds have been out.

Mr. Gosling, who resides at Botleys Park, Chertsey, during the summer, which place he inherited from his brother, is not keen on many other sports, but formerly had a sporting estate in Scotland. He is, however, interested in all agricultural questions and matters appertaining to horse breeding. He is a J.P. for Surrey, an ardent Conservative, and a Member of the Royal Agricultural Society, Hunters' Improvement Society, and of the Junior Carlton and Wellington Clubs.



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MR. H. GOSLING

**Mr. H.
Gosling.**

Mr. C. E.
Hay.

Commencing his hunting experiences in the north of Ireland in 1863 with the Leckale Harriers, under the Mastership of Colonel Ford, familiarly known as "Blind Billy," Mr. CHARLES EDWARD HAY, of Somerby, has since seen sport with many different packs, both in England and Scotland. He was born on June 2nd, 1850, and is the son of the late Sir John Hay, Baronet, of Park, Wigtownshire, N.B. After completing his education at Edinburgh, he hunted one season (1870) with the Duke of Beaufort. The following ten or eleven years he spent in Manila and Singapore, where he played polo. On returning to England he hunted during four or five seasons with Mr. Fernie on visits. Until 1899 he lived at Castle Hill, Ayrshire, and hunted with Lord Eglinton's hounds, putting in occasional visits to the shires, including the season of 1893 when he took Papillon Hall, Market Harborough, and hunted with the Quorn, Cottesmore, and Mr. Fernie's.

Since 1899, Mr. Hay has lived at Somerby House, which he purchased, and subscribes to and hunts with the Cottesmore, Quorn, Belvoir, and Mr. Fernie's. The Parson, by the Lawyer, The Clerk and Juniper, by Brown Prince, are good hunters which Mr. Hay has owned. He has one son, Charles Edward Erroll Hay, born in 1893, now at Eton, who has already been blooded with the Cottesmore.

Mr. J.
Hornsby.

Of more than ordinary note in the *entourage* of the Cottesmore, Fitzwilliam, and Woodland Pytchley Hunts is Mr. JAMES HORNSBY, of Laxton Park, Stamford, Northamptonshire. His election, in succession to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as President of the Smithfield Club synchronizes with the "Diamond Jubilee" of his membership, for Mr. Hornsby was elected in 1846. He has never missed a show since his first visit, when it was held in Baker Street, a very small affair indeed in those days to what it has now become. Mr. Hornsby's father, an agricultural engineer, of Grantham, was paying more than a £1,000 per week in wages when he died. At the age of fourteen a place was found for his younger son, James, at the works, who has since held more patents for labour-saving machinery in the agricultural world than any other man.



MR. J. HORNSBY.

In his early life Mr. Hornsby used to show "stepping" hacks and harness horses, and in seventeen years exhibited at sixty-nine shows and took prizes at sixty-six of them. Since then he has confined his show-going to judging, and has been frequently chosen by the Royal Agricultural Society, and the Hackney Society in that capacity; he acted as judge at nineteen shows in the season 1907. His mare Ballet Girl won seven prizes in harness, and was much admired by H.M. the King, when Prince of Wales.

Mr. Hornsby, once the keenest of keen hunting men, now no longer rides, owing to the effects of a bad trap accident three years back, when Mrs. Hornsby was even more injured than her husband, though she is now quite recovered, and hunted fifty-four days altogether in the season of 1907-08.

Mr. Hornsby bought Laxton Park from the late Lord Carbury twelve years ago. He is a steadfast believer that foxes and pheasants can exist together, and the result of his possessing both is shown by the fact that his coverts are *never* drawn blank. In seventeen days five different packs have drawn the Larch Posts, and there were sufficient foxes on each occasion.

Mr. Hornsby was High Sheriff of Northamptonshire in 1902, and is a J.P. and D.L. for Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire, and J.P. Leicestershire and Grantham.

Major A.
Hughes-
Onslow.

Sharing with Mr. J. M. Richardson and Captain Noel the reputation of being the best rider in the Cottesmore country, MAJOR ARTHUR HUGHES-ONSLow, son of the late Mr. Henry Hughes-Onslow, of Balkissiock and Alton Albany, Ayrshire, N.B., was born in Scotland in the year 1862. His father being a keen hunting man himself, Major Hughes-Onslow began to ride as a small boy and first hunted in Surrey with the Surrey Union when ten years old. He was at Eton in 1876, playing in both the cricket and football elevens, making top score of 41 runs in the Eton cricket

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Mr. John Dutton, M.P.

eleven that beat Winchester and was beaten by Harrow. From Eton he proceeded to Sandhurst, and in 1882 went out to India with the 10th Hussars. Returning home two years later, he was stationed at Shorncliffe, and hunted with the East and West Kent Foxhounds. At Aldershot he went out with the "H.H." and Hambledon, and when on leave, hunted from Weedon, Brackley, and Oakham. Following this, from his various regimental headquarters he saw sport with the Windsor Drag, Queen's Staghounds, York and Ainsty, Bramham Moor, Bedale, Lord Middleton's, Sinnington, and Badsworth.

In 1891 the Major proceeded to Ireland, remaining there six years, and hunting with the Meath, Kildare, Ward Union, Limerick, and Duhallow Hounds. He then returned to Canterbury,



MAJOR A. HUGHES-ONSLow.

and shortly afterwards was sent out to service in South Africa. Leaving the Service in 1902, Major Hughes-Onslow has since lived at Braunston, near Oakham, and hunted with the Cottesmore. Married in 1891, to Kathleen, a daughter of Mr. George Whitehead, of Deighton Grove, Yorks, J.P., D.L., the Major has one son, at Osborne, and one daughter. It would be impossible here to enumerate all the wins that Major Hughes-Onslow has brought off, when he rode as a gentleman rider. He has ridden in the Grand National, and has won many races, both steeplechases and point-to-point races. His best hunters at present are Khartoum, by Gordon—Kraw, by Crowberry, and Lord Arravale, by Tacitus, which won the National Hunt Cup at Punchestown.

The Major has a grouse moor in Scotland, is a keen shot, and is fond of fishing. He has also shone as a polo player, having captained his

regiment in 1886, when they won the Irish Military Cup. In addition to hunting with the Cottesmore, Major Hughes-Onslow stays during the season with Captain Forester, the Master of the Quorn, and hunts with that pack.

Mr. JOHN GRETTON, M.P. for Rutland, was born in 1867. For several generations past, Mr. Gretton's direct ancestors have all, curiously enough, borne the name of John Gretton.

Mr. Gretton was educated at Harrow, and afterwards joined the big family brewery business of Bass, Ratchiff and Gretton, of Burton-on-Trent. His sporting proclivities he inherits from his father, who, until late in life, was a keen follower of the Meynell and Atherstone. It was with these packs also that the subject of these notes commenced his hunting career as a boy, at the time that Lord Waterpark was Master of the former.

In 1892, Mr. Gretton's father acquired the estate of Stapleford Park, near Melton, on the borders of the Belvoir, Quorn, and Cottesmore Hunts, and since that time Mr. Gretton has devoted most of his hunting days to these packs, though it is with the Cottesmore that his name is most closely associated. He is, moreover, on the Committee of this Hunt. In 1900, Mr. Gretton married the Hon. Maud Eveleigh de Moleyns, youngest daughter of the fourth Baron Ventry. They have three children, the eldest of whom, John Gretton, born in 1902, has already learnt to ride.

Several good horses have been sheltered in Mr. Gretton's stables, though he has never raced on the flat. His Williamson, bought from Lord Harrington, and John O'Gamit, bred by Sir Chandos Leigh, were notable hunters, and in his present stud are Monsoon, formerly belonging to Lord Lonsdale, and Sam Wilkes. Mr. Gretton is a patron of the Turf and of yachting, and that his support of the chase is of a generous nature may be gauged from the fact that he is a subscriber to the Meynell, Atherstone, Quorn, Belvoir, and Cottesmore. As a politician he is a staunch Conservative, and formerly sat for South Derbyshire for eleven years. On the death of the late Right Hon.

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Onslow.

Mr. J.
Gretton.

**Mr. J.
Gretton.**

George Finch, P.C., Father of the House of Commons, he was elected to succeed him as M.P. for Rutlandshire. He is a J.P. for Derbyshire and Leicestershire, and a member of the Marlborough, Carlton, Junior Carlton, and "1900" Clubs, and of the Royal Yacht Squadron, and St. George's Yacht Clubs. His seat is Stapleford Park, Saxby, and his town house in Ennismore Gardens, S.W.

**Mr. C. A.
Muntz.**

MR. CHARLES ALEXANDER MUNTZ, born on June 15th, 1875, is the fifth son of the late Mr. G. F. Muntz, and nephew of Sir P. A. Muntz, Baronet, of Warwickshire. Like Sir Philip, Mr. Muntz's father was a keen sportsman and hunted for years with the North Warwickshire. His son, Mr. C. A. Muntz, also gained his hunting lessons with the same pack, starting when he was fourteen years old. He was educated at Clifton College. Recently, since living at Whissenthorpe, near Oakham, Mr. Muntz has devoted most of his time to the Quorn, Belvoir, and Cottesmore. He has also had occasional days with the Blackmore Vale, Mr. Fitzwilliam's, and the Pytchley. In August, 1906, he married Miss M. C. Tryon, youngest daughter of the late Captain R. Tryon, and niece of the late Admiral Tryon. Mrs. Muntz has hunted in Rutlandshire ever since her girlhood.

Mr. Muntz's best hunters have been Robin Hood, by Rosius; Shillelagh, by Tranby Croft; Rathdrum, by Blair Hope, and Ovoca.

He is interested in shooting, fly fishing, and the breeding of hunters, being a member of the Hunters' Improvement Society. He rode twice in the Quorn Hunt Point-to-Point Race, on Shillelagh and Incognito.



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MR. C. A. MUNTZ.

**Captain
H. C. Noel.**

CAPTAIN HENRY CECIL NOEL, late of the 17th Lancers, is the second son of the Right Hon. Gerard James Noel, P.C., J.P., D.L., of Catmose House, Oakham, and grandson of the first Earl of Gainsborough and Lady Mary Augusta Lowther, sister of the third Earl of Lonsdale.



CAPTAIN H. C. NOEL.

The Right Hon. Gerard Noel is in himself a representative of one of the most notable hunting families in the kingdom, his ancestor, "Tom" Noel (*circa* 1730), being the first authenticated Master of the Cottesmore Foxhounds, since when the family has been closely associated with this pack. Captain H. C. Noel was born in May, 1868, and started to ride at the age of seven. His hunting career, naturally, commenced with the Cottesmore.

He was educated at Eton and Sandhurst, entering the Military Academy in 1887, and in the following year passing out into the 17th Lancers. Captain Noel was quartered for a short time at the dépôt, and then spent three years in India, where he indulged in pig-sticking and played polo for his regiment. On his return to England in 1890 he was quartered at Shorncliffe Camp, and hunted for one season with the East and West Kent Foxhounds, and with the 17th Lancers Drag. After two years at Hounslow and Hampton Court he, in 1893 and 1894, went with his regiment to Liverpool, whence he hunted with the North Cheshire, and from Leeds in the following season with the Bramham Moor, finishing up the season with the Atherstone when

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The Hon. Wm. L. Louth on "The Royal."

quartered at Birmingham. In 1896 he was ordered to York, from which stronghold he hunted with the York and Ainsty, the Bramham Moor, and Lord Middleton's.

**Captain
H. C. Noel.**

Captain Noel retired from the Service towards the close of 1897, after having had some sport in Ireland with the Duhallow and the regimental pack. Since that date he has hunted regularly with the Cottesmore from his father's house, Catmose. He is also occasionally seen in the fields of the Quorn, Belvoir, and Mr. Fernie's. In 1902 he married Miss Pepys-Cockerell, who is a keen horsewoman.

Successes in several hunt point-to-point races have fallen to Captain Noel, and he has also won regimental races of minor importance when in India. He won the Shorncliffe Drag Point-to-Point, and the 17th Lancers Point-to-Point, in 1891 on Arabi, and the same regimental race in the following year on Lazarus at Greenford Green. In 1894 he rode in the Army Point-to-Point, and in the same year again won the 17th Lancers Point-to-Point. The following year he carried off for his regiment the victory in the 17th Lancers *v.* Carabiniers Point-to-Point on Sir Charles at Leeds. This same horse also won the 17th Lancers Point-to-Point in 1896. Sir Charles was probably the best horse that was ever in the Captain's possession; he was by McCalmont, dam by Wild Charley. Before the Captain had him he had already won one or two races. The best horse in his stables now is Gnosel, of which we give an illustration, a thoroughbred brown gelding, by Balmoral—Pupil Teacher.

Both Captain and Mrs. Noel are expert shots, and every summer travel after big game abroad. They have enjoyed this sport in Canada, Mexico, Cashmere, and during their four months' expedition in 1905 in Rhodesia, were successful in bagging some excellent trophies, including the record in hippopotamus tusk, and some remarkable wild pig.

The Captain's best run with hounds occurred quite recently, and will be within the recollection of many other members of the Cottesmore. Hounds met on Boxing Day, 1902, at Oakham, found at Oakham Pasture, and running a ten-mile point in 2 hours 30 minutes, killed at Tixover.

He is a member of the Committee of the Hunt, a member of the Bachelors' Club, and a J.P. for Rutlandshire.

MR. GERARD CECIL NOEL, eldest son of the Right Hon. Gerard James Noel, P.C., was born on December 4th, 1864. He was educated at Wellington, and Magdalene College, Cambridge. As a representative of the family which has been connected for such a long time with the Cottesmore Hunt, it is natural that Mr. Noel's inception to hunting should have taken place with this pack. He left the University in 1885 and joined the Northampton Regiment, living with his father at Catmose House, Oakham, until his marriage, when he took up his residence at Cottesmore House.

**Mr. G. C.
Noel.**

Though no longer an active member, Mr. Noel is a generous supporter of the Hunt, and still takes a vast interest in the sport.



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THE HON. MRS. LANCELOT LOWTHER.

Amongst the old English families there are few, if any, who are better known for their close associations in connection with sport in general, and hunting in particular, than the Lowther family. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to single out any era of the history of hunting in England, but that one or other representative of the Lowthers does not come into prominence; indeed, the history of the Cottesmore Hunt, one of the most fashionable, if not the Mecca of all lovers of the chase, is to all intents and purposes indissolubly wedded to the history of the Earls of Lonsdale.

**The Hon.
L. E.
Lowther.**

The subject of these notes, THE HON. LANCELOT EDWARD LOWTHER, is a worthy representative of his house. Born in 1867, he is the fourth son of the late Henry, Earl of Lonsdale. Beginning his education at Cheltenham, he eventually, as is the family custom, proceeded to Cambridge, where he became Master of the Drag. He hunted this pack for two seasons, having introduced into it eight couples of his own hounds. Sport, however, was not at this time confined exclusively to the Drag,

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L. E.
Lowther.**

for the Fitzwilliam Hounds being often within reach of Cambridge, Mr. Lowther availed himself of every possible opportunity to hunt with them. On leaving the University he returned to Leicestershire, and hunted with the Cottesmore from Cottesmore Hall, the hunting home of his mother the Dowager Countess of Lonsdale. Mr. Lowther has, it is scarcely necessary to add, hunted with numerous packs in different parts of the country, having had his season with the Duke of Beaufort's, whilst with all the Leicestershire packs he is a most familiar figure. Mr. Lowther loves the sport, and devotes himself to it, almost to the exclusion of all others. From the first cubbing morning to the last of the hunting season he will not miss a day, and it is a well-known fact that he is always one of the first to be in at the finish. During his many years' hunting in Leicestershire, he has taken part in some exceptional runs. One particular run which has become historical, and in which he took part, was the Barkly Holt run in 1894. He was one of two or three men who were in at the finish, and he rode a horse, an excellent animal, called New Chum, by Heart of Oak.

An undoubted judge of a good horse, he is, as may be imagined, particular in the choice of his hunters, and in his time has owned some of the best. Probably two of the most useful that have carried him over the grass countries were *The Rake*, by Haymaker, and *Vale Royal*, an engraving of whom, with Mr. Lowther up, appears reproduced from a painting in his possession. Mrs. Lowther, until a year or two ago, was one of the best of our lady riders. Unfortunately, she sustained a serious accident, and was advised to give up hunting. Their son and two daughters, aged respectively eighteen, twelve, and ten, bid fair to sustain the family fondness for sport.

Mr. Lowther is far better with the rifle than the gun, and a sport of the kind in which he takes the keenest pleasure is deerstalking and chamois hunting. He is a member of many clubs, amongst which are the Turf and the Carlton, and his home is Asfordby Hall, Melton Mowbray.

**Mr. C. P.
Selby-
Bigge.**

MR. CHARLES P. SELBY-BIGGE, of Oakham, son of the late Mr. C. Selby-Bigge, of Linden House, Northumberland, was born in 1857. His father formerly kept a small pack of foxhounds in Northumberland, where the subject of these notes learnt to ride. Later he hunted in Shropshire.

Educated at Eton, where he whipped in to the College Beagles, on leaving school Mr. Selby-Bigge took to country pursuits and hunted with the Wheatland, under the Mastership of Mr. Rowland Hunt, to whom he whipped in for about eight years, and occasionally acted as Field-Master. In 1893 he commenced to hunt with the Cottesmore, and has been ever since a regular follower of these hounds.

He is married to the daughter of Mr. Seymour Pleydell-Bouverie, of Whissendine. At present Mr. Selby-Bigge is occupied in acting as the Earl of Lonsdale's agent to his Midland estates. He is a Whig in politics and a member of Brooks's Club.



MR. C. P. SELBY-BIGGE.

**Mr. H.
Stokes.**

Son of Mr. Thomas Stokes, Mr. HARRY STOKES was born in the Fitzwilliam country in 1873, and educated at Oundle College.

Beginning to hunt with the Fitzwilliam at an early age, he followed that noted pack for twenty years, after which he varied proceedings by taking three seasons with the Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's, and six with the Cottesmore, when Mr. Evan Hambury entered upon his Mastership. He has now gone to live in the Bedale country, Yorkshire. He has managed to vary his business as a dealer in horses by putting in some five or six days a week hunting for many years. His father, Mr. Thomas Stokes, is now one of the oldest members of the Fitzwilliam Hunt; is a well-known breeder of shorthorns, and farms extensively. The best hunter he ever had, one well known as a splendid jumper in the Cottesmore country, was a mare called *Little Woman*. Another real good horse over a country was *Wansford*, which now belongs to the Marquess of Exeter; he is twenty-six years of age.

Mr. Stokes, who, by the way, is a nephew of that good sportsman Mr. J. Henry Stokes, resides at Asenby Lodge, Thirsk, Yorkshire.

The son of one of the most notable Masters of hounds which England has ever produced, CAPTAIN THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM CHARLES WENTWORTH-FITZWILLIAM was born in 1848, his father being the sixth Earl Fitzwilliam, the founder of the two packs of hounds in Ireland and Yorkshire known by his name. Captain the
Hon. W. C.
Wentw'rth-
Fitzwilliam

At the age of six, Captain Fitzwilliam began to hunt from Milton, and was blooded by old Tom Sebright, the huntsman of the Fitzwilliam Hounds.

Educated at Eton, on proceeding to Magdalene College, Cambridge, our subject kept the drag for three seasons, and hunted also with the Oakley, Cambridgeshire, and Fitzwilliam.

He then joined the Royal Horse Guards, with which regiment he served for thirteen years, for two of which he acted as aide-de-camp to Lord Ripon when Viceroy of India.

In England, Captain Fitzwilliam played polo for his regiment, which was one of the first in this country to take it up; others being equally prominent were the 10th Hussars and the 9th Lancers.

On retiring from the Army in 1882, Captain Fitzwilliam married Constance, daughter of the late Mr. H. Brocklehurst, and taking Badley House, near Daventry, hunted with the Pytchley for five years, and experienced extraordinarily good sport.

In 1889, he built his present residence, Barnsdale, near Oakham, and has since been a regular follower of the Cottesmore, on the Committee of which he has served since 1890.

In choosing his hunters, the Captain has nearly always favoured the best blood, and his Rout, by Xenophon—Effect, was the best horse up a hill he ever saw in his life.

Yorkshire Relish, out of the Holderness country, by Edmund Kean, 1883; Barrister, by The Lawyer—Kohinoor; and Plaintiff, by The Lawyer—Rowena, were all equally well-known horses belonging to Captain Fitzwilliam. In all, he has won the Ladies' Purse at Melton three times. He has also indulged in flat-racing, his best horse being Periwinkle, by Beauclere—Blue Bell.

Well known as a keen shot, he has often rented moors in the north. He is J.P. for Yorks and Rutland, a D.L. for the first-named county, and a member of the Bachelors', Marlborough, Brooks's, and Turf Clubs, and the Jockey Club Rooms.

Since 1901 he has served as Master of the Horse and Extra Equerry to the Prince of Wales, and has had very little leisure to enjoy much hunting.

In addition to the above record of the Captain's sport, he has also hunted in Ireland with the Carlow, Kildare, and Meath, and has kept his own pack of harriers there.



MR. FERNIE'S HOUNDS (1906).

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MR. FERNIE'S.

THERE can be little question that when "Old Noel" was Master of the Cottesmore country, in the middle of the eighteenth century, he hunted a portion of that territory which came eventually to be known as the Billesdon, or South Quorn. It is on the Harborough side. Sir Richard Sutton hunted it, in common with the other parts of the Quorn country, until 1853, when finding it too big he handed it over to his second son, Richard, of whom we give a full account under the history of the Quorn.

He had held the country assigned him by his father for two seasons only, when the latter died suddenly, and his two sons, Frank and Richard, carried on the two sides of the country until Lord Stamford took the Quorn Hunt in 1856. His offer was to take that portion of Leicestershire which Sir Richard Sutton had hunted without a subscription, which was accepted. It led to a fierce dispute, however. The one party asserted that his Lordship had abandoned the Billesdon, or South Quorn country; on the other, it was urged that the country was only lent, after the manner of parts of the Cottesmore, and could be claimed at any time. Mr. Richard Sutton, declining to have anything to do with the dispute, had resigned his portion, and things looked bad; for if such a country had been left long without a Master the coverts would have been ploughed, foxes destroyed, and a large sum of money diverted from the neighbourhood. Under these circumstances Mr. W. W. Tailby came forward, and, although by no means too rich, offered to pay the rent of the coverts in order to save that part of the country. This generous and sportsmanlike offer was received with enthusiasm. Having no hounds he called in the services of that able houndman, the late Tom Day, and assisted by him got together a scratch pack consisting of ten couples of the Pytchley, eleven and a-half of those which had belonged to Sir Richard Sutton, four couples from Mr. Colyer's, two from Earl Fitzwilliam, and some from Mr. Milbanke. With these and a few drafts from other kennels he hunted his first season. In the second, he got rid of the "awkward squad," and replaced them with twenty couples purchased from Mr. Colyer's—a very blood-like lot. The Cottesmore was at the time vacant, and Mr. Tailby agreed to hunt as much of it as he could reach from his own kennels; John Day retired, and he appointed John Goddard as his huntsman. Good as his hounds were, however, with the addition of country, he determined to strengthen the pack, and some of Mr. Drake's coming into the market he gave £125 for eight couples from that noted pack. Meanwhile the kennels, built at great expense by Lord Suffield, and formerly used, had been turned into human habitations, and to remedy this defect Tailby built new ones of the latest type, and a brilliant era in the history of the pack succeeded.

Unfortunately another dispute arose. To go fully into the *pros* and *cons* of this is not our intention, after such a lapse of time. Let it suffice to say that Colonel Lowther, afterwards Lord Lonsdale, then Master of the Cottesmore, gave notice that the Hunt would require the return of that portion of the country lent by it; Mr. Coupland at the same time intimating that he would like back the Quorn portion; albeit, this request was not made anterior to Mr. Tailby announcing his intention of resigning his Mastership. The dispute was most acrimonious. A great deal of angry correspondence resulted. Public meetings were held, and various opinions ventilated. The upshot of this by no means interesting cabal resulted in the matter being referred to the Foxhounds Committee, at Boodle's. The club representatives decided that the Quorn were entitled to reclaim that portion of the country which Lord Stamford did not desire to hunt, on the ground that it was only lent to Mr. Tailby. This did not please many of the farmers. A letter, in the form of a circular, having been sent to them advising the country to rise and assert its rights, they asked, "Who's Boodles, where does he live?" and when they heard it was a London club they were the more indignant. Upon pressure, however, Mr. Tailby consented to hunt a certain area two days a week; and resigning in 1878, was succeeded by that good sportsman, Sir Bache Cunard. Another of the right sort in the person of Mr. Fernie took office in 1888; and the map of the Leicestershire country so remains at the present time.

Mr. W.
Tailby
—Master,
1856-78.

We often wonder in connection with the subject of these notes how he will be associated, whether with his ride to Epsom, his purchase of certain hounds at big prices, or his Mastership in a portion of the Cottesmore country, of the pack now known as Mr. Fernie's.

The eldest son of Mr. WILLIAM TAILBY was born at Humberstone in Leicestershire, and educated at the Grammar School, Repton, subsequently going to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his degree, not neglecting the more, to him, better-loved field of sport. Indeed, bodily endurance was one of his greater features, and going straight to hounds among them. We have reverted to his ride to Epsom. Upon occasion of a certain Derby, upon two well-chosen hacks he rode from Cambridge to Epsom and back. He saw the Derby run for, and returned to *Alma Mater* in such good style that neither of his mounts were knocked about — this by reason of his knowledge of pace, and balance of weight in the saddle.

His Mastership of the Harborough side of the Quorn in 1856 was by no means a cheap undertaking — indeed, many of the great men of the hunting world had refused it on the ground of expense.

Not only a brilliant horseman, he was always a sterling performer in the saddle. It is still told of him in Ireland how, with the Kildare Hounds, he steered a horse called First Position in a field of great riders in such manner as to double his price between the beginning and end of the run.

Sir B. E.
Cunard
—Master,
1878-88.

“By Perseverance” is the motto of the house of Cunard; and the first Baronet, Sir Samuel Cunard, showed his appreciation of the family tradition by founding the greatest line of mail steamers of his era.

The subject of these notes, SIR BACHE EDWARD CUNARD, grandson of Sir Samuel, was born in New York, May 15th, 1851, and educated at Rugby, and Trinity College, Cambridge. He succeeded his father, Sir Edward, as third Baronet in 1869, and married in 1895 Maude, daughter of the late Mr. E. F. Burke, of New York. He is a J.P. and D.L. for Leicestershire.

His Cambridge course completed, Sir Bache Cunard took Hallaton Hall, Leicestershire, at one period the residence of that great lover of sport between the flags, Mr. Studd. Settled there, he proceeded to work out the family motto in a sporting sense, more especially turning his attention to horse and hound. The Pytchley and Mr. Tailby's more particularly interested him, and upon the last-named gentleman relinquishing the direction of affairs in the Billesdon country in 1878, he bought his hounds for 2,000 guineas and succeeded to the Mastership, retaining Richard Summers as huntsman. Recognizing that Skeffington was hardly a suitable situation for the kennels, he removed them to Medbourne, and took up residence at Nevill Holt, so as to be within easy reach of his hounds.

Sir Bache proved himself a most capable Master, firmness being tempered by tact in the courteous management of his field; consequently “the thrusters” moderated their “thrusting”; and as he looked after the interests of the farmers he made staunch friends throughout the country over which he presided. By no means a light-weight, he was always splendidly mounted, and saw that the Hunt servants were equally well provided. A bold rider, he knew how to spare his horse and was skilful enough to be well up with his hounds.

A lover of sport in its best phases, next to hunting, polo claimed his closest attention; and until the year 1877, when his brother unhappily lost his life in a game, was one of its keenest exponents. Indeed, we believe we are right in saying that anterior to the unfortunate occurrence in question, Sir Bache had played in all the great matches, not purely military, since the game first took a hold upon public attention, at Lillie Bridge in the early seventies. A good shot, both with rifle and smooth-bore, he is also a fine whip, and a popular man at the meets of our coaching clubs in the Park. His club is the Turf.

Mr. C. W.
B. Fernie
—present
Master.

Born in Hertfordshire some five-and-fifty years ago, Mr. CHARLES WITHERINGTON BRUCE FERNIE was educated in Scotland. Like many other of our leading Masters of hounds, he was “entered” to hare, his father having mastered a pack, the Ashridge Harriers. Subsequently becoming a follower of the Linlithgow and Stirlingshire pack, he again changed the scene of operations, and for six or seven years hunted with the Duke of Beaufort's. Doubtless such

experience taught Mr. Fernie "war," and gave him a fine insight into the requirements of a Master destined to rule over the fourth part of Leicestershire.

Mr. C. W.
B. Fernie.



MR. C. W. B. FERNIE

Mr. Fernie is well acquainted with the fact that a horse must be clean bred, fast, and bold, to carry men over his country, which is five-sixths pasture. His stable is stocked with upstanding, well-bred hunters, and it may be safely said that no hunt servants are mounted better than his.

Thomas Isaac was his huntsman for some years, his place being taken in 1907 by Arthur Thatcher, and he and the whips thoroughly know their business. When Mr. Tailby had the pack it was said that no hounds were better to follow. It is a case of history repeating itself, as far as the present Master is concerned, and in the difficult management of big fields he has ever tempered the *fortiter* with the *suaviter* mood, wherefore he is vastly popular with his neighbours, more especially as his general kindness has gained him their goodwill.

In Mrs. Fernie, who is the youngest daughter of Mr. Thomas Harcastle, of Blaston Hall, Leicestershire, he has a consort who is a fine sportswoman, and keen rider to hounds. Mr. Fernie resides at Keythorpe Hall, Leicestershire.

Mr. T. N. GRAHAM, of Hallaton Hall, Uppingham, near Market Harborough, who took over the Honorary Secretarial duties to Mr. Fernie's Hunt in 1906, in succession to Mr. J. H. Douglas, was born in Westmorland in 1858. Sent to Harrow and Cambridge to acquire his education, he there enjoyed his first taste of foxhunting in the wake of the Cambridgeshire Hounds. With most of the leading packs of England has Mr. Graham hunted, and he has also seen some good sport in Ireland.

Among his proudest achievements is the winning of the Warwickshire Hunt Cup on no less than four occasions. Riding with good judgment, he is recognized as a capital all-round sportsman in Mr. Fernie's Hunt. He is fond of all outdoor pursuits, and is a member of several of the leading sporting and social clubs.



MRS. FERNIE.

Mr. T. N.
Graham
—Hon.
Sec.

A Conservative of the old school and one of the keenest sportsmen in the whole county of Leicestershire, was the late COLONEL JAMES MURRAY BAILLIE, of Ilston Grange, Leicestershire, and Cally and Broughton, N.B., who died in February, 1906, from pneumonia supervening on a chill, contracted as the result of a fall from his horse whilst returning from the poll at the General Election. The Colonel was one of the oldest magistrates in the county, and his death was felt keenly by the whole countryside. He was the son of the late Mr. D. Baillie, Hill Park, Kent, and was born in 1832, tracing his descent through the noble houses of Aberdeen, Galloway, Eglinton and Merton to Sir Alexander Baliol, of Cavers, Great Chamberlain of Scotland, towards the close of the thirteenth century.

Colonel Baillie entered the Royal Horse Guards Blue in June, 1852, exchanging in 1857 to the 1st Dragoon Guards; he quitted the Regulars in April, 1860, having served in the Crimean

The late
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War as A.D.C. to Lord Rokeby at Sebastopol. He was in India from 1858 to 1860, and then became an officer in the Leicestershire Yeomanry Cavalry, as the regiment was then known, eventually resigning in June, 1895, with the honorary rank of colonel. In the early sixties the Colonel settled in Leicestershire, and built his own mansion, Ilston Grange. His name was associated with Leicestershire hunting from that time, particularly with Mr. Fernie's Hunt, of which he was considered the "Father," being also Chairman of the Committee for many years. He was a contemporary with Mr. W. W. Tailby. It is on record that, among other notable achievements which he accomplished in the hunting field, he cleared the famous Billesdon Brook on Yellow Hammer, with Colonel Corbett Holland-Corbett and Colonel Gosling. Another of his hunters, Valorous, won the Military Steeplechase at Rugby, and afterwards became the charger to carry the victorious Russian general into Plevna after the siege.

Colonel Baillie's public career in parochial and municipal affairs was well known. He had been a member of the County Council, and a J.P. for the East Norton Bench for several years; Chairman of the Kibworth Grammar School Governors, and was on the County Patriotic Committee.

He married in 1860, Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr. F. R. Magenis, and had issue two sons and a daughter: Lieutenant-Colonel F. D. Murray Baillie, of the City of London Imperial Yeomanry, late of the 4th Hussars, Mr. H. T. J. Baillie, and Mrs. Falkner, of the Ashlands, Ilston, all of whom survive their father.

**Mr. H. T. J.
Baillie.**

MR. HENRY THOMAS JAMES BAILLIE, of Laughton House, Rugby, the second son of the late Colonel Baillie, was born in August, 1865. During his youth, Mr. Baillie's health precluded him from entering into sport of a strenuous kind, and although at a very early age he was blooded by Grant, then whip to Mr. Tailby's hounds, it was not until he had attained his majority that he was able to hunt with any regularity.

His education, which was a private one, was finished in Germany; upon his return to England he took up residence in Leicestershire in his father's house, and became a constant follower of Mr. Fernie's hounds, though he has spent seasons with many other packs, such as the Cheshire and Sir Watkin Wynn's. He is, moreover, a zealous worker in the interests of the Hunt, and his energies in the direction of reduction of wire on his side of the country have met with great success.

In 1906, on his marriage with Miss Mildred Constance Agnes, second daughter of the late Mr. William Birchall, of Staines, Middlesex, he went to live at Laughton. Mrs. Baillie has been a keen follower of hounds nearly all her life, and is now one of the most prominent ladies in the fields of Mr. Fernie's Hunt.

Mr. Baillie was for a period of nine years on the Board of Agriculture. He is a member of Arthur's and the Isthmian Clubs.

**Mr. Bert
Balding.**

OF MR. BERT BALDING it might be said that he was to the manner born a horse-dealer, as he bought and sold when he was fourteen years of age. The son of Mr. William Balding, a well-known coaching and hunting man, it was only natural that he should take to the latter sport, and when he went into residence at Market Harborough, in 1903, and started horse-dealing, he threw in his lot with Mr. Fernie's. Previous to this he had had a great experience of horseflesh in America, having spent some years as a buyer in that country.

In 1900, Mr. Balding married the youngest daughter of Mr. J. B. Matthews. Mrs. Balding, like her husband, is a great lover of horse and hound, and, accustomed to the saddle from her



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MR. B. BALDING.



Mr. H. J. Baillie



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Mrs. Baillie

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Mr. L. A. Bebbille on "Fulture."

childhood, is a proficient horsewoman. Among the best hunters owned by them have been The Doctor, Jack, and The President. Very fond of polo, and a fine exponent of the game, Mr. Balding has also done his share of point-to-point racing.

Mr. Bert Balding.

A member of several clubs, he resides at Chic House, East Langton.

MR. HENRY ARCHIBALD BELLVILLE, of Stoughton Grange, near Leicester, is the son of Mr. William John Bellville, of London. He was born on November 2nd, 1866, educated at Harrow, and commenced hunting with the Duke of Beaufort's when only in his tenth year.

Mr. H. A. Bellville.

Experiences with the South Berks, Garth, and the Old Queen's Staghounds came next, and it was not until 1888 that he began to hunt regularly with the Pytchley, Mr. Fernie's, and the Grafton. Mr. Bellville has also followed most of the leading packs in the United



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MRS. BALDING.

Kingdom, and has, moreover, hunted with the Bucks and other otterhounds.

Some very good hunters have stood in his stable, notably Venture, by Florin, a ten-season servant, on whom Mr. Bellville is depicted in the engraving; Pierrot, by Scots Guard; Freemason, by Tacitus; and the ill-starred Tidman, by Ocean Wave—Secrecy, who was killed at Hexham. Gold Dust and St. Georges Hems were steeplechase winners.

Mr. Bellville has been successful at breeding both blood-stock hunters and polo ponies. He has enjoyed salmon and trout fishing so far afield as New Zealand, Norway, and Austria. He is a member of the Bath and Badminton Clubs.

COLONEL JOHN WORTHY CHAPLIN, V.C., C.B., is the son of the late Mr. W. J. Chaplin, M.P., and was born in Hampshire.

Educated at Harrow, he entered the Army in 1858, and was gazetted to the 67th Regiment, in which he served in China during the war in 1860, and gained the Victoria Cross at the taking of the Taku forts.

He subsequently exchanged to the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars, and commanded that regiment in Afghanistan during the war in 1879-80.

He retired from the Army in 1889, and since then has lived at Kibworth Hall, Leicestershire, hunting with Mr. Fernie's, and occasionally with the Quorn and Pytchley packs.

In former years, when quartered with his regiment in Ireland, he hunted a pack of harriers of his own, and followed many other packs, but chiefly the Meath and Ward Union Staghounds.

Colonel Chaplin, in addition to his love of the chase, is fond of shooting and fishing, in fact, of all sports.

MR. KENNETH EADY is the son of Mr. Joseph Eady, of Market Harborough, who, in the days when Sir Bache Cunard hunted Mr. Fernie's present country, was a noted follower of the pack. He

Mr. K. Eady.



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COLONEL J. W. CHAPLIN, V.C.

Mr. K.
Eady.

it was who taught our subject horsemanship, and under his tuition and example he became the hard rider he is to-day. Born in March, 1874, Mr. Kenneth Eady still resides at Market Harborough, and is generally to be seen when hounds are out.

He likes "plenty of work at his obstacles," and is in consequence deservedly popular in the field.



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MR. K. EADY.

Mr. S.
Hayr.

A very successful breeder and exhibitor of shire horses, Mr. STANLEY HAYR, of Church Langton, Leicestershire, son of Mr. James Hayr, of the same address, was born on June 9th, 1884, and educated at Wellingborough.

From his childhood he has hunted with Mr. Fernie's, and he won the United Hunts Steeplechase at Huntingdon in 1908.

Mr. Hayr has possessed some really good hunters and fine performers, and in spite of the fact that he

has most of his career before him, he is, when mounted on a certain chestnut gelding, a notable figure in his own country when hounds are running hard.



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MR. S. HAYR.

Mrs. G.
M. Jef-
ferson.

Mrs. GWENDOLIN MARY JEFFERSON is one of the best examples of English sportswomen. Her father was Captain Talbot, of Aston Hall, in Cheshire, a keen supporter of the Cheshire Hounds.

Marrying young, she went to live in Hertfordshire, and hunted for some years with the county pack, but it is of her fifteen seasons in Mr. Fernie's country (when she occupied that well-known hunting box at Kibworth) that Mrs. Jefferson has the happiest memories, coupled with the occasional days she was enabled to enjoy with the Pytchley, Cottesmore and neighbouring packs.

Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson went to live in the Belvoir country, taking Mr. Edmund Turner's old place, Stoke Rochford, near Grantham, where they still live.

Mrs. Jefferson's Coronet and The Pilot were good and well-known hunters in their day. Mrs. Jefferson and her daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Fellowes (she married a son of the present Baron de Ramsey) are always in the van with hounds. Mr. Jefferson does not hunt. They have a large house at 12, Berkeley Square.



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MRS. JEFFERSON.

Mr. O. D.
Luck.

Mr. O. D. LUCK, of Stone House, Blaston, Uppingham, son of the late Mr. F. G. Luck, of The Olives, Wadhurst, Sussex, was born on February 20th, 1883, and educated at Harrow. He has always hunted with the Woodland Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's, which he began to follow eight years ago. His favourite hunters are Nimrod I., Blackbird, Huntsman, John Peel, Brunette, by Blankney, Wadhurst Kitty,

who took first prize for hacks at the Woodland Pytchley Hunt Show in 1906 and is now in foal to Blankney, and Nimrod H., by Blankney Whitesocks H., who took first prize in the two-year-old class at Leicester County Show in 1908.

Mrs. Luck, who is also a keen rider to hounds, has two good hunters in Diana and Victory, by Barbarian—Vixen, bred by Mrs. Fernie.

Until 1907, Mr. Luck was a successful breeder and exhibitor of bull terriers, winning many firsts at the leading shows and a gold medal at the Birmingham Show in



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MR. O. D. LUCK.

1905. His best-known dogs were Bloomsbury Sherborne King, Wadhurst White Wonder, Wadhurst Tess, and Bloomsbury Lucy. He is fond of shooting, cricket, golf, and tennis, and is a member of the National Sporting Club and the Kennel Club.

The head of the great engineering firm, Mr. Joseph Maudslay was the father of CAPTAIN EUSTACE R. MAUDSLAY, of Blaston Manor, Uppingham, near Market Harborough. Captain Maudslay was born in 1853, and educated at Harrow and Cambridge, where he was Master of the University Drag. Subsequently entering the Army, he was gazetted to the 16th Lancers, retiring in 1883.

Captain Maudslay's first instructor in the science of hunting was no less a person than Whyte Melville in the Vale of Aylesbury. After two seasons with the Duke of Beaufort's and "V.W.H." he settled for a time in Grantham and hunted with the Belvoir. A few seasons with the Quorn and Cottesmore from Oakham followed, after which he took Stackley House, where he resided for twelve years, hunting regularly with Mr. Fernie's. In 1902 he came to live at Blaston Manor, but two years later, acting on medical advice, gave up hunting.

In former days Captain Maudslay owned and raced his own horses, riding himself many winners, both on the flat and in steeple-chases. He holds a licence to ride on even terms with professionals from the Jockey Club.

He won many regimental races, also the Granby Handicap, on Finale; the Billesdon Coplow, on Lord Coventry; the Veteran Stakes at Sandown, on his own horse, Rufus, and many other races.

As a polo player he twice figured in the final ties at Hurlingham, in the Inter-Regimental Cup matches. He also won the tent-pegging for the Army, and tilting at the ring at the Agricultural Hall. In 1890 he was commissioned by the Government to purchase remounts in Eastern Canada, and afterwards in Texas, for the South African War; he bought over 7,000 horses and mules.

Both Mrs. Maudslay and her two daughters, who are excellent horsewomen, invariably render a good account of themselves with Mr. Fernie's hounds.

A lady well known with Mr. Fernie's Hunt is MRS. ELIZARETH COPLEY PEABODY. The daughter of General C. Crowninshield, of the U.S.A., she was born in Boston in that country, where she was also educated. She was married in 1891. Her first hunting experiences were with the Pan Hounds and around Rome, but it was in 1904 that Mrs. Peabody took a hunting box



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MRS. LUCK.

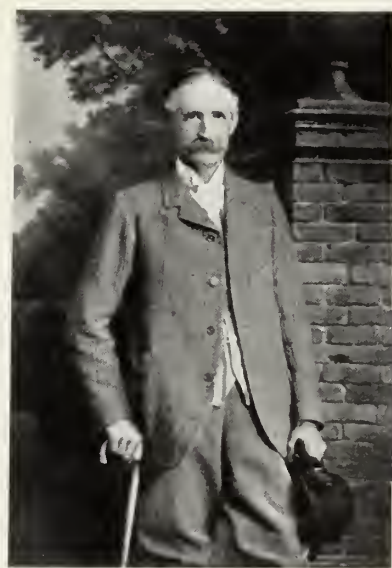
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E. R.
Maudslay.

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CAPTAIN E. R. MAUDSLAY.

Mrs. E. C.
Peabody.

Mrs. E. C. Peabody.

in Harborough, and has hunted ever since with creditable regularity with Mr. Fernie's and the neighbouring packs. Mrs. Peabody travels considerably in all parts of the Continent during the non-hunting season, but is always to be found in the vicinity of Market Harborough as soon as ever the fox becomes the lawful prey of the various packs operating in that good hunting country. She has recently purchased a house at Lubenham.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MRS. E. C. PEABODY.

Major N. V. Pocking.

MAJOR NORMAN VANSITTART POCKING, J.P., D.L., of Burn Mill Hill, Market Harborough, was born in August, 1852; he is the son of the late Mr. Charles Norman Pocking, of Barkly, Leicestershire. Until 1880, Major Pocking hunted regularly with the Cottesmore and the Quorn. Since that year he has followed Mr. Fernie's and the Pytchley, being now one of the senior riding members of the former. Miss Evelyn Pocking, the major's daughter, is also a well-known figure with this pack and the Pytchley. Haddon (a champion show horse), Roscommon, Dauntless, and Mint Sauce were some of Major Pocking's best hunters. He has taken part in many steeplechases.

Major H. N. Schofield, V.C.

MAJOR HARRY NORTON SCHOFIELD, V.C., was born January 29th, 1865. The son of the late Mr. Christopher James Schofield, he was educated at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, entered the Royal Artillery in February, 1884, and retired from the Army in 1895. His successful career as a soldier is attested by the coveted letters attached to his name; during the South African War he was A.D.C. to General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C.

It is, however, his hunting record with which we have to deal here. On his return from foreign service he hunted with the Limerick, 1887-88. In 1888-89 he was whip to the Royal Artillery Draghounds at Woolwich. In 1889, and during half of the next two seasons, when quartered at Newbridge, he hunted with the Kildare. The end of the season of 1890 found him with Mr. Fernie's and the Pytchley, with which packs he has hunted regularly ever since. In 1898, being quartered at Newcastle, he put in a few months of the season with the Tynedale and Lord Zetland's, with an odd day or so with the South Durham and Hurworth.

Of his horses, Clonsilla, Royalist, The Captain, Longfield (by Castle Blaney Lakeland) and Anaconda (the last named being depicted in the illustration), he considers to be the pick during the last sixteen years, while he looks upon Royalist as the best he ever rode. All his horses have been bred and bought in Ireland, as he holds the opinion that the first schooling of horses over the banks and ditches of that country is invaluable.

Major Schofield has also scored many successes in regimental point-to-point races. He is fond of polo, and played on several occasions in his regimental team; he was also a frequent player at Hurlingham and Ranelagh. His Clubs are Boodle's, the Army and Navy, and the Cavalry, and he is, needless to say, a popular member. His residence is Foxton Grange, Market Harborough.



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Mr. J. H. Stokes.

The son of the late Mr. William Stokes, a farmer and grazier in a large way of business, who turned his attention principally to the breeding and making of young horses, Mr. JOHN HENRY STOKES was born on June 8th, 1850, and educated privately. His early days were spent in Rutland. Mr. Stokes, in 1877, moved to Great Bowden, Market Harborough, where he began business as a dealer in horses. He began breeding and buying them at an early age. His greatest successes have been associated with the hunter class, which is chiefly due to the fact that he not only breeds and shows hunters, but has a practical knowledge of their requirements in the field, having been a fearless, keen, and hard rider throughout his life. His earlier experiences were obtained with the Cottesmore and Fitzwilliam. Other packs in the flying countries followed, and since 1877 he has been a consistent attendant of the two Pytchleys and Fernie's. His example in this respect, it may be added, is followed by his son, Mr. William Ernest Stokes, who has not only the advantage of being a fine rider to hounds, but has, of course, some of the best mounts in England, and has the pleasure of hunting a select pack of harriers which his father bought from "The Squire," Mrs. Cheape, which shows extraordinary sport, and is very popular with the farmers, who invite him to hunt over their land. No other man that we can call to mind has enjoyed such experiences as Mr. Stokes, in fact, he has beaten all records.

Mr. J. H.
Stokes.



From a painting. MR. J. H. STOKES ON YOUNG DALESMAN.

Old-timers are wont to tell of the wonderful powers of John Grout "Honest John Grout," of happy memory. We have heard it said that Mr. Stokes possesses an eye for a horse similar to Mr. Grout's, that is, he could look over a stable in England, travel a long distance on the Continent, and if there was an *exact* match for anything in the stable left behind he would buy it, and the pair bought separately would realise three or four times what they cost singly. We have heard men boast of this gift, but only knew these instances when the match was exact as to height, shape, make, and action. Just as the great ones of the land went to John Grout for carriage horses, they go to Mr. Stokes for hunters of the highest class.

The successor to Newcombe Mason, by whom the Hon. "Bob" Grimstone was wont to swear, our subject has bettered the instruction. Indeed, the mantles of John Grout, Newcombe Mason, "Bob" Chapman, and other great judges of horses, may be said to have descended on Mr. Stokes.

Among his patrons he numbers royalty, the nobility, and representatives of all the great hunting families of England. His Gracious Majesty heads the list, and among foreign potentates are H.I.M. The Emperor of Austria, King Alfonso of Spain, the late King Humbert of Italy, and the present occupant of the throne. Of our peerage, his Grace of Beaufort, one of our finest amateur huntsmen, is foremost, while the Earl of Lonsdale, and many other leading Masters and men in the first flight, are large buyers from Mr. Stokes.

Of his wonderful display in the shape of gold and silver cups and every description of trophy, it is difficult to choose what to omit. An enumeration of part of his successes, since 1899 only, will give an illustration of our meaning. Thus, he won in the Show Ring prizes worth :—

	£		£		£
In 1899 ...	1,175	In 1902 ...	1,365	In 1905 ...	2,075
„ 1900 ...	1,355	„ 1903 ...	1,110	„ 1906 ...	1,600
„ 1901 ...	1,080	„ 1904 ...	1,165	„ 1907 ...	2,080
				„ 1908 ...	2,000—Total, £15,005.

Mr. J. H.
Stokes.

Thus, it will be seen that in ten years he won upwards of £15,000 in prizes, with upwards of 100 championships, 781 firsts, 372 seconds, and 166 thirds.

Mr. Stokes is a buyer in various parts of the world; he contends that we can breed as good a hunter in England as in any part of the globe, Ireland not excepted. At the same time, he holds strong opinions of the supineness of our buyers and breeders who allow the foreigner—French, German, Belgian, or Austrian, who are fine judges—to deplete the country of our best-looking sporting mares. He says, “I knew a man who used to get 30 or 40 out of a little fair, and 70, 80, or 100 out of a big fair like Lincoln, and would have five or six men buying for him in a fair, subject, of course, to his approval. Now he has agents buying for him everywhere, and gets his principal supply from Ireland. He will drain that country in the same manner; indeed, he has done so in a great measure.” Such testimony from one so well versed in his subject requires no comment at our hands.

Perhaps the best hunter owned by Mr. Stokes is Whisky. If we say he is a perfect hunter we must be mindful of the Spanish proverb, that “He who would ride a perfect mule must go afoot,” but Whisky is as near perfect as we are likely to find, and his fame is world-wide. Since Mr. Stokes has been showing him he has won 22 champions, 70 firsts, and 1 second, winding up the season of 1906 by winning Lord Tredegar’s prize of £20 for the best 14-stone hunter. This is a sporting event in the best sense of the words, being run over a fine natural hunting country, with stiff obstacles. Whisky is not only a show horse, but a fine hunter, as he proved upon the occasion in question by beating a first-class field with consummate ease, the reports saying that he jumped faultlessly. He is an eight-year-old, Goldmint and Goldflake, both “real Yorkshire,” and bred by Mr. Marcus Kendal, of Ness Hall, Nunnington, were each of them successful in the hunting field and show yard, where they had no superiors. Goldmint, among other successes, won the Sportsman’s Race at Croxton Park two years in succession, and the Ladies’ Purse at Melton in a trot when twelve years of age, after carrying Mr. Hanbury, Master of the Cottesmore, from the time he was a four-year-old hunter. Goldflake, after being unbeaten in the show ring, was sold to the late King Humbert for £800. The celebrated Red Cloud, bred over the Border, was never beaten in the show ring. He was sold by our subject to Sir Humphrey de Trafford for £1,000. He was the second sold by Mr. Stokes to that gentleman in the same year for a similar sum, the other being a young chestnut horse named Red Ruby; they were re-sold by Sir Humphrey at public auction, and fetched 1,050 guineas and 1,000 guineas respectively. Space does not permit to tell of Grandee, a winner of many prizes here and on the Continent, including the championship at the Hunters’ Show, Islington, in 1905; Bertram, the first hunter publicly known to be sold for £1,000, Wild Prince, and others.

Tennis Ball carried everything before him, after the manner of Whisky and Red Cloud, while in 1902, The Laird won all the light-weight hunter prizes to the value of nearly £300. In Fable he has a winner of the Hunter Championship at Islington last year, which many fine judges consider to be the equal of the celebrated Whisky; he was sold for more money than any horse Mr. Stokes ever had.

Among the unique feats accomplished by Mr. Stokes is the winning of the Gold Cup at the Islington Show, a thing which the authorities considered impossible of accomplishment. As most of us know, it has to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of an exhibitor. Mr. Stokes carried off the trophy three consecutive times with Tennis Ball, Royal Flush, and Red Cloud, respectively. A still more extraordinary achievement was his success in the Buxton Challenge Cup, which had also to be won three successive years by the same horse. This he accomplished, Whisky proving three times successful.



MR. J. H. STOKES AND REGAL.



*Mr. J. L. Stokes' Whisky.
Winner of 7th, 8th, 9th and 21st. Champions.*

W. H. V.

J. L. Stokes - 1887 - 1888

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Mr. W. Ernest Stokes.

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Yet one other record, which we had almost forgotten. At the Highland Show at Glasgow, in 1905, Mr. Stokes won the following prizes:—

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Stokes.

Class.	Horse.	Value. £
Four-year-olds over 13.7 ...	{ Artist, 1st	20
	{ Ebony, 2nd	10
Four-year-olds under 13.7 ...	{ Kitchener, 1st	20
	{ Warminster, 3rd	5
Over 15 stone	{ Barouet, 1st	25
	{ Gay Hampton, 2nd	15
13 stone 7 lbs. to 15 stone ...	{ Gold Reef, 1st	50
	{ Lady Emily, 2nd	30
	{ Pat, 3rd	20
Under 13 stone 7 lbs.	Rosebud, 1st	25
Baronet also won President's Medal		10 10s.
		<u>£230 10s.</u>

Mr. Stokes, in addition, is a farmer on a very large scale ; as a grazier, he has some 500 to 600 head of cattle on his rich pastures. It was Mr. Stokes who was a pioneer of auction sales of fat cattle. Commencing these sales in the back end of the season of 1905, he had sold by auction fat cattle, principally made up of shorthorns (Poled and Irish) and the fashionable blue-greys. The following table will give some idea of the success of the movement:—

In 1905	301 head of fat cattle were sold, and averaged £17 0s. 11d.
In 1906 (two sales) {	June 1st ... 162 beasts, averaging £20 18s. 0d.
	October 2nd ... 264 beasts, averaging £18 10s. 0d.
In 1907 (one sale) {	410 beasts, averaging £20 6s. 0d.
	241 sheep, averaging £3 3s. 0d.
In 1908 (one sale) {	444 beasts averaging £20.
	191 sheep and lambs averaging £2 10s. 0d.

The last sale of sheep, etc., we think, constitutes a record, both in regard to time taken by the auction, which was from 1 o'clock to 4 o'clock on the afternoon of October 15th, 1908, and also in the amount of money—i.e., £9,300—which was the sum obtained by the auctioneer in the three hours.

One of the oldest hunting farmers in Mr. Fernie's Leicestershire country is Mr. THOMAS SADDINGTON WATSON, who, with his son, Mr. Clement Goodman Watson, are large grazing

Mr. T. S.
Watson.

agriculturists at Foxton, near Market Harborough. Mr. Watson, junr., was born in 1881, and gives every promise of becoming just as good a sportsman as is his worthy father. Both have hunted with one pack or another ever since their very earliest recollections, but father and son have always considered the late Mr. Tailby's country to have the prior claim upon their affections, and they have right well supported Mr. Fernie all through his *régime*.

Mrs. FREDERICK WATTS, of The Warren, Kilworth, Leicestershire, daughter of the late Mr. Charles Noon, of Stoneygate, Leicestershire, followed the Quorn for many years, and since 1891 has regularly

Mrs. F.
Watts.



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MESSRS. T. S. AND C. G. WATSON.

hunted with Mr. Fernie's pack, occasionally visiting the Belvoir, Cottesmore, Woodland Pychley, Hertfordshire, and the Devon and Somerset Staghounds. Some of her favourite hunters were

Mrs. F. Watts.

Atlantic Cable (which she rode for eleven seasons), Countess, and Cocktail. Her daughter, Miss Gwendolen, is well known with Mr. Fernie's Hounds, and is a very promising rider.

Mr. H. R. L. Webster.

Taking up his residence in the High Street, Market Harborough, in 1905, Mr. HENRY ROBERT INGHAM WEBSTER has since hunted regularly with Mr. Fernie's and the Pytchley. A son of Mr. H. R. Webster, of Morton House, county Durham, Mr. Webster was born in 1855, is J.P. and D.L. for Durham; he was blooded with one of the packs of that county.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MRS. INGHAM WEBSTER.

Mrs. Webster is the eldest daughter of Mr. E. G. Farquharson, of Langton House, Blandford, and is, therefore, a lineal descendant of the famous J. J. Farquharson, of undying renown, notes on whose hunting career in Dorsetshire will be found in the volume of this work containing the South-Western Hunts of England.

No wonder, therefore, that Mrs. Webster is an enthusiastic foxhunter; she is a fine horsewoman, and rides Mr. J. H. Stokes' horses as they should be ridden, to the admiration of all sportsmen of the neighbourhood.

Dr. E. Williams.

Dr. EDWARD WILLIAMS, J.P., of The White Hall, Billesdon, has resided there for many years, and during that time has been responsible for the welfare of most of the serious accidents in the hunting field that have occurred in the district, notably those to Captain Burns Hartopp, when Master of the Quorn, and to more than one serious accident to Mr. Fernie and Mr. W. W. Tailby, when Master. He has enjoyed for the past forty-five years much sport with the neighbouring packs, and has taken great interest in the puppies that he has year by year walked for Mr. Fernie's. The Misses Beryl and May Williams are both keen sportswomen, and are well known with this pack.

Mr. E. K. Williams.

Mr. EDWARD KYNASTON WILLIAMS is another member of the medical profession, and is related to Dr. Edward Williams. Born in October, 1878, in Merionethshire, he in due time went to Caius College, Cambridge. Taking his degree in 1901, Mr. Williams married a daughter of Mr. James Grahame, of Morpeth, North Wales. In his earlier days he enjoyed a lot of sport with the Buckley Otterhounds, which his father had hunted conjointly with Mr. Buckley for many years, and also with the Dumfriesshire and Bucks Otterhounds.

Mr. Williams lives at The Cottage, Billesdon, and has followed the fortunes of Mr. Fernie's since 1896. He has been fairly successful as an exhibitor of Welsh cobs at numerous local shows, and is an all-round sportsman in so far as his professional duties admit.



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COLONEL D. E. WOOD.

Lieut.-Col. D. E. Wood.

LIEUT.-COLONEL DAVID EDWARD WOOD, Inspector of Remounts, late 8th Hussars, is a follower of Mr. Fernie's Hounds. He is a member of the Naval and Military Club, and lives at Kibworth, Leicestershire.

THE QUORN.

THE first Master of the Quorn—a rather shadowy figure—T. Boothby (1698–1753), hunted part of this country, his favourite ground being Charnwood Forest, a rough, rocky, and hilly part, not at all like Leicestershire. He lived at Tooley Park, and married a Miss Clopton, of an old Warwickshire family, a beauty in her day; his grand-daughter married Hugo Meynell. Of their family was Penelope Boothby, immortalized by Sir Joshua Reynolds.

In 1753 began the long Mastership of Mr. Hugo Meynell, of Quorndon Hall, near Loughborough, from which the Quorn derives its name. He first lived with P. Boothby, at Longton Hall, and kennelled his hounds at Great Bowden. Afterwards he had three kennels, at Bowden, Quorndon, and Bradgate.



BAGGRAVE HALL.
The family seat of the Burnabys, and scene of many Meets.

He was a man of culture, education, and taste, added to which he was a thoroughly good sportsman and scientific hound breeder. His great huntsman was J. Raven, and his whip J. Wingfield. He hunted the country from Market Harborough to Clifton, Nottingham thirty miles. His pack of hounds was considered the best in England. He hunted three days a week, and averaged about thirty-six brace. Among his followers we may name Sir S. Glyme, Sir H.

Featherstone, Mr. Cholmondeley, “Prince” Boothby, and Mr. Meynell, his brother-in-law. Loughborough was then the great place to stay at, before Melton became the fashion. Brooksby Gate was the opening meet. Hugo Meynell retired in 1800, and died in 1808. During his Mastership the great Billesdon Upton run took place, February 24th, 1800, and is famous in song. Only four, besides Jack Raven, were in at the finish.

Lord Sefton (1800–05) introduced second horses—he had over a hundred couples of hounds and two huntsmen. Raven showed the way over the real Leicestershire country, and Goodall worked the Charnwood Forest and the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire borders.

Among his famous followers, besides those mentioned, were Lord Villiers (who hunted on Tyrant, a Derby winner), Lord Sackville, Lord Forester, Sir H. Peyton, Mr. Lindon, and Colonel Mellish. Lord Sefton is said to have given a couple of “monkeys” each for three hunters. His best horses were Gooseberry, Moseley, and Loadstone. Lord Foley (1805–07) kept up the hounds well, but the temptation of gambling proved too strong, and he had to resign on account of the expense.

Assheton Smith, a full account of whom is given in the South-Western Volume of this work, was Master of the Quorn for eleven years (1806–17). His favourite hunters in Leicestershire were



THE DONNINGTON HOUNDS (W. HEAD, HUNTSMAN), WHICH HUNTED PART OF THE QUORN COUNTRY.

Old and Young Jack o’ Lantern, Charlotte Lantern,



Marquess of Granby,
Col. Lowther,
Ben Morgan,
Mr. T. Assheton Smith,
Duke of Rutland,
Sir R. Sutton,
THE QUORN (*circa* 1810).

Minister, Lazarus, Tom Thumb, Robin Hood, Schiaccabac, and Hystone. March 9th, 1808, he had a great run into Leicester. They ran from Stewarts Hay by Marlinshaw, Enderby, Aylestone Gorse, Southfields, and Dew Walk, to a wood yard in Leicester. The Master was the only red-coat up, and broke up the fox himself, after a run of three hours.

George Osbaldeston, "the Squire" (1817-21), succeeded Assheton Smith. He was twice Master of the Quorn, and once of the Pytchley. His best run with the Quorn was eighteen miles in a straight line, but much more as they ran, in 2 hours 17 minutes. Mr. Gilbert was up at the finish in this.

Ferneley's Quorn picture, painted in 1822, contains twenty portraits, and cost £2,000. It was rallied for by twenty members of the Club, who paid £100 each, and won by Sir B. Graham. It now hangs in the oak panelled hall of Norton Conyers, Sir Reginald Graham's Yorkshire seat, which is said to be the original of Thornfield Hall in *Jane Eyre*. Sir Bellingham Graham succeeded Squire Osbaldeston (1821-23).



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Engraved by C. R. Stock.

THE MELTON BREAKFAST.

The figures in the above picture are as follows :—

1. Massey Stanley, Esq.
2. Earl of Wilton.
3. Comt Matrisevic.

4. Lord Gardner.
5. Lyne Stevens, Esq.
6. Walter Little Gilmour, Esq.

7. Sir Frederick Johnstone.
8. Lord Rokeby.
9. Lord Forester.

10. Lord Kinnaird.
11. Richard Errington, Esq., Master of the Quorn Hunt, 1833-38.

On December 3rd, 1821, the Quorn had a splendid run from Scraptoft by Keyham, Thurnby, Barkby Holt, Baggrave, Quenby Hall to Newton Hill, and lost in 1 hour 50 minutes.

"Squire" Osbaldeston was again Master, 1823-27. At this time he was jumped on by Sir J. Musgrave, and his thigh badly broken. He was succeeded by Lord Southampton, who had to get together a scratch pack of hounds. He built new kennels at Belgrave, near Leicester, and used a hound van—an invention of his own—for distant meets.

Among the famous supporters of the Hunt at this time we may mention Lords Hastings, Wilton, Gardner, Stamford, Kinnaird, Rokeby, and Forester, Sir G. Beaumont (of Coleorton), Sir F. Johnstone, Sir J. Isham, Sir J. Palmer, Sir R. Bromley, Sir G. Fouke, Messrs. Loraine Smith, L. Stevens, Hartopp, Cheney, Phillips, Neville, Green, Cradock, Mundy, and Packe, etc.

Sir Harry Goodricke, of Ribston Hall, Yorks, of apple fame, was a very rich man, and hunted the country, without a subscription, at a cost of £6,000 a year. He had a stud of fifty-two horses, and made the Quorn extremely popular with the greatest sportsmen of the day. He built new

kennels at Thrussington, at a cost of £6,000. At his death he left his unentailed property to Captain Holyoake, who succeeded for two seasons.

December 25th, 1833, the Quorn had a great run in a ring from Cream Gorse for fifty minutes without a check, and then went away by Kirby, Plymouth Lodge, Thorpe Arnold, Waltham, Croxton Park, Swallow Hole, and ran into him near Three Queens, in 3 hours 50 minutes. The last twenty-five minutes was at a great pace. Hounds ran through nineteen manors, and Mountford, Lord Kinnaird and Sir J. Musgrave went well to the bitter end.

Captain Holyoake's huntsman was Mountford. He was the fastest rider to hounds in his day on his thoroughbreds, Baronet, Clinker, and Crossbow.

Mr. R. Errington held Mastership for three seasons, and was followed, in 1838, by Lord Suffield, who started building new kennels at Billesdon, and buying Mr. Lambton's Durham Park for £3,150. Lord Suffield resigned after a year, and was succeeded by Mr. Hodgson, from the Holderness. He was a bit too slow for the fliers of the Quorn, and his hounds could not get out of the way quick enough.

Mr. Greene, of Rolleston Hall, the first local landowner to be Master of the Quorn, was a pupil of Assheton Smith. His hands and seat were so light that he was called "The Fly," and his weight, just before he died, was 8 st. 2 lb., the same as when he was at Oxford. He liked to



THE MEET AT MELTON.

keep his old hunters on, and his old friends, too. One of his best runs was from Thorpe Trussells to Rolleston Gorse. There were twelve horses in Twyford Brook, and only eight, including the Master, got up Skeffington Vale. This is eleven miles straight on the map. A charming man and a perfect host, he was popular with farmer and field alike. At the great meet at Rolleston, to see Assheton Smith once more, in 1840, there were 2,000 horsemen, representing every pack in the shires. Mr. Greene died suddenly of heart disease, on returning from seeing hounds find and get away from Tugby Gorse. Though his frame was frail, his heart was big, and there was no squire in that glorious country more beloved by the poor.

He was followed by Sir Richard Sutton (1847-56). When the Donnington country was restored to the Quorn, Sir Richard gave the Billesdon to his son, who built kennels at Skeffington. Soon after Sir Richard died, his son gave up, and Mr. Tailby came to the rescue, and established his hounds at Billesdon.

On Sir Richard Sutton's death, the Earl of Stamford succeeded, and hunted the country without a subscription (1856-63), with first Boothroyd, and afterwards Treadwell, as huntsmen. He did the thing splendidly with seventy hunters in his stable.

Mr. Clowes succeeded (1863-66), taking Jack Goddard as the new huntsman, and buying the hounds for £2,100. After him came that famous "plunger," the Marquess of Hastings, whose Mastership was rather a farce. He was sometimes so late at a meet that the field had gone home before he arrived, and this was the subject of a poem.

Mr. J. Chaworth Musters, grandson of Byron's rival, was Master 1868-70, and did well, hunting the hounds in part himself, while Frank Gillard took them in the Melton country, but he soon had to give up from ill-health. He was a heavy-weight, but was usually well placed all the same. The keepers and earth-stoppers actually subscribed to present a hunting whip. He was the first to give prizes for puppies walked, in August, 1870. At the first puppy show there were seventeen and a-half couples entered, the judges being John Walker, Tom Firr, and Frank Goodall. At first Mr. Coupland was Joint-Master, but from the 1870-71 season he was sole Master for fourteen years.

His first huntsman was James Marbride, and Tom Firr, one of the greatest of modern huntsmen, came in 1872. Mr. Coupland usually sold his stud at good prices at the end of each season, but financial reasons compelled him to resign. His last season is the subject of Brooksby's *The Best Season on Record* (Routledge, 1885), and we may mention two grand days in it.

November 23rd, 1883, they met on a frosty morning at Rearsby, and after a twenty-five minutes' run from Gaddesby Spinney (in which Lord Lanesborough's horse ran on the handle of a hoe, carelessly stuck upright, and killed himself), they found at Barkby Gorse, and ran through Baggrave Spinney, by Quenby and Lowesby Station, G.N.R., over the line to Tilton Hill and Village, where he was lost. The exhausted fox was afterwards found on the line near Tilton Station, and sent back in a bag to Baggrave to fight another day. This was a seven-mile point over a stiff country.

January 7th, 1884, they had a six and a-half mile point in forty-three minutes from Grimston Gorse, by Wartnaby, Kettleby, Old Hills Glen and Scalford to Goadby Gorse to ground. In the afternoon they ran for an hour without a check from Welby Fishpond, by Kettleby Old Hills, Scalford Thorpe, Arnold Brook, Chaldwell Village, to Wykeham, and lost at Melton Spinney.

Lord Manners (1884-86) came with a subscription of £4,000, including a covert fund of £1,500. He was a bold rider, and kept his field well in hand. He was succeeded by Captain Warner (1886-90), who was assisted by Mr. Paget as Joint-Master (1890-93). After him came Lord Lonsdale (1893-98) with his splendid stud of thoroughbred chestnuts; he managed the Hunt for five years.

He was succeeded by Captain Burns Hartopp (1898-1905), and was followed by the present Master, Captain Forester, who kept on Bishopp as huntsman, until 1908, when he gave place to George Leaf.

For the greater part of the last century the name of Cradock was associated with the Honorary Secretarial office of the Quorn Hunt. In the early years Mr. John Cradock fulfilled the duties; he died in 1833, and his son, Mr. Thomas Cradock, undertook the post until his death thirty years later.



MR. JOHN CRADOCK.



MR. THOMAS CRADOCK.

Tom Firr retired in 1899 with a testimonial of £3,500. He was first, second whip and afterwards huntsman of the Quorn. He was a great hound breeder, and after he came to the Quorn they rarely bought a hound. His retirement was occasioned by a fall over a wall in the Charnwood Forest country, a somewhat rotten and rocky hunting ground.

He was born at Epping in April, 1811, the son of Abraham Firr, feeder in the Puckeridge kennels under the Mastership of Mr. Parry. Playing about the kennels from babyhood his career was no matter of question, and he went as a boy under Will Orvis at the Essex kennels. The death of Mr. Conyers in 1853 threw him out of employment, and his next engagement was with the South Oxfordshire, where he was kennel-man, occasionally appearing in the field. After a season with Lord Macclesfield he went to Mr. Hobson's Harriers in Hertfordshire as whipper-in and kennel huntsman for a year. In 1860 he was under that capable huntsman John Press, during the Cambridgeshire Mastership of Mr. C. Barnet. While there, he may be said to have run the gamut of a hunt servant's work, having to do the kennel work before going out on hunting mornings, and take the field before going out on Press's second horse, being expected to assist him, but not take too much out of his mount. He next became second whipper-in to the Craven, and from thence went to the Tedworth under old George Carter, and, in 1863, first caught sight of his promised land, the Quorn, then under the Mastership of Mr. Clowes, of which pack he was appointed second whipper-in, John Goddard being the huntsman. After a season in Scotland with the Ayrshire, he returned as second whip to the Pytchley under Colonel Anstruther Thomson. He was next promoted to huntsman of the North Warwickshire, then under the command of Mr. Lant. After three seasons he obtained the post of huntsman to the Quorn. For a quarter of a century he did yeoman service, becoming rather an institution than a huntsman, serving successively under the Masterships of Mr. Coupland, Lord Manners, Captain Warner, Mr. W. B. Paget, and Lord Lonsdale. Gifted with a quick eye, he knew always what the hounds were doing and had them under command. Big crowds never flurried him, and, indeed, he never appeared to be in a hurry albeit his decision never failed him, and he was wonderfully quick in his casts, his knowledge of a fox's movements being intuitive. A daring and splendid horseman, his knowledge of a hound was as good as that of any man in England. His respectful manner gained him many friends. It is said that he refused £1,000 to write his reminiscences of the Quorn, and for this the sporting world is the poorer. He died of cancer on December 13th, 1903.



From a picture in the possession of the Hon. A. Pennington.
TOM FIRR.

Mr. T.
Boothby,
—Master,
1698-1752.

"Leicestershire may justly be denominated the Montpelier of hunting countries; in the eyes of a sportsman it is a Vale of Cashmere and in comparison with it all others retire *longo intervallo*." Thus "Nimrod" in his introduction to his Leicestershire hunting tour in a somewhat efflorescent passage after that writer's manner. There can be no question that the country with its rich scent-holding soil, splendid galloping ground and medium-sized coverts provides probably the best hunting theatre in the kingdom. Without going back to the days when Charnwood Forest was a royal preserve of William the Conqueror, or when, in 1539, the monks of Alverscroft Priory kept hawks and a pack of hounds for hunting the wild red deer which establishment Henry VIII. confiscated it is historical that Leicestershire was always a hunting county. That Mr. Boothby kept the first pack of hounds there is incorrect. Throsley, in his *History of Leicester*, mentions that a custom of hunting the carcase of a dead cat, saturated with aniseed, on Easter Monday had been dying out since 1707. The carcase was tied by a cord to a horse's tail and drawn over the ground in various directions. Hounds were then laid on and a species of Epping Forest saturnalia commenced, in which "the horsemen dashing after the hounds through foul passages and over fences, were emulous of taking the lead over their

fellows." The cat was finally dragged through the town to the Mayor's door, he being expected to entertain the "field."

Mr. T.
Boothby.

Although the famous Hugo Meynell is referred to as "the Primate of the Science," he had a predecessor in the person of Mr. THOMAS BOOTHBY, who kept foxhounds in Leicestershire which he hunted himself for fifty-five years. Very little would have been known of the date when Mr. Boothby held sway had not Mr. Reginald Corbet, of Adderley, Master of the South Cheshire Hounds, written to *The Field* in November, 1875, with a sketch of Squire Boothby's hunting horn. This was some 18 inches in length, the upper part of a greenish material and the lower of silver. It was a straight instrument bearing engraved upon it the words "Thomas Boothby, Esquire, of Tooley Park, Leicestershire. With this horn he hunted the first pack of foxhounds, then in England, fifty-five years. Born 1677, died 1752, now the property of Thomas d'Avenant, Esquire, County of Salop, his grandson."

Independent of there being other packs in existence before Mr. Boothby's, it would seem to be a fact that he originated the straight hunting horn, the previous pattern having been slung round the shoulders. Tooley Park, his residence, is in the Atherstone country to-day, the estate being purchased by Judith, Lady Corbet. Mr. Boothby was her son by her first husband, and the family lived there from about the middle of the seventeenth century. According to Cradock's Memoirs, the author says that, before he went to the Jubilee of George III., Mrs. Boothby, of Tooley Park, requested him to obtain information about "her family of the Cloptons who were connected with Shakespeare." This lady was not only of much celebrity, but a commanding and beautiful woman; and, it is recorded, disposed of more preferments in the county of Leicester amongst her friends than any other person whatever.

Fielding, the novelist, was a connection of the family; and Mrs. Boothby is said to have been the original of Sophia Western, and that other characters in *Tom Jones* were drawn from the district.

Mr. Boothby is reported to have presented a peal of bells to the parish so attuned as to resemble the cry of a pack of hounds, this from Mrs. Chaworth Musters' book on *Hunting Songs and Sport*.

Mr. Boothby married a Miss Scrimshire or Scrymshire, an heiress, whose name he took with his own; and his grand-daughter married Mr. Hugo Meynell, who followed him as Master of the Quorn. The lady in question was sister to "Prince" Boothby, an eccentric, so known owing to his grandiloquent manner and his love of titled personages. It is said he would desert a companion to walk with one of higher degree. His end was curious. After breakfasting on cold tea and riding in the Park, he returned to his chambers in Clarges Street and blew out his brains, "because," to quote his own words, "he was tired of the bore of dressing and undressing."

In the obituary of *The Gentleman's Magazine* for August, 1752, Mr. Boothby's death is thus recorded: "Thomas Boothby, of Tooley Park, Esquire, Leicestershire, one of the greatest sportsmen in England."

There is, in a manner of speaking, a "let there be light" in connection with HUGO MEYNELL. He was known as the "Great Meynell" and associated with the dawn of science in foxhunting. This dawn of scientific knowledge has had other interpretations since his day; but a man who was the best of his era must necessarily be an inventor. The Meynells were of Leicestershire and Derbyshire, and Hugo Meynell, although, it is said, owning no land in the first-named county, when he came to take the Quorn country in 1753, bought from Laurence Earl Ferrers, Quorndon Hall. Thither he removed his hounds previously kennelled at "Bowden Inn." Quorndon Hall has since become historical as a residence of Masters of the Quorn.

Mr. H.
Meynell
—Master,
1753-1800.

The precise date of Mr. Meynell's birth is unknown. He died at his house in Chapel Street, Mayfair, on December 14th, 1808, and both the *Sporting Magazine* and *Leicester Journal* agree in giving his age at 81, which would give the year of his birth as 1727. That he was married at the time he took over the Quorn is certain, for which reason the account which gave his age at the time of death at 73 must be discarded, as it is extremely unlikely that he would take

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Quorndon Hall, the mastery of a great pack of hounds, whose country extended virtually from Nottingham to Market Harborough, and he a married squire, before reaching the age of 19. Another significant fact in this connection is that he, upon taking over the country, made a match with Sir Charles Sedley to fight a main at cocks twice a year for five years at Nottingham and Ashbourne alternately. In a day when immense sums depended on cocking matches this would hardly have been the act of a boy in his teens. The stakes, by the way, were ten guineas a battle, and five hundred guineas the odd battle. Sir Charles Sedley was to have the choice of Mr. Neal's roost and Mr. Meynell, Sir Lynch Cotton's. The betting in such events would probably run into hundreds of thousands. Quorndon Hall must have been situated ideally, according to the taste of foxhunters in Mr. Meynell's day, as it is near Charnwood Forest, and when hounds hunted more by nose, it would be an excellent schooling place for the young entry.

Mr. Vyner, writing on this subject, has paid a great tribute to Mr. Meynell in the words — "The time was when the knowledge of the discipline of the kennel was acquired with quite as keen a zest as the more exhilarating accomplishments of the field. Hound-breeding was at that period as scientifically pursued as sheep-breeding, and the successful perseverance of Mr. Meynell and the first Lord Yarborough will ever be deserving of the warmest gratitude from true sportsmen." Again, "the noble science is not cultivated as in the days of a Meynell, a Corbet, or a Warde." In *The Meynellian Science*, too, occur the words: "Without doubt the most successful Master of Hounds of his time, producing the steadiest, wisest, best and handsomest pack of foxhounds in the Kingdom. His object in breeding hounds was to combine strength with beauty, and steadiness with high mettle. His idea of perfection of shape was short backs, open bosoms, straight legs, compact feet, as the greatest and first consideration in form; the first qualities he considered were fine noses and stout running powers. In the spring of the year he broke in his hounds at hare to find out their propensities, which, when at all flagrant they early discovered, and he drafted them according to their defects. After hare hunting they were, during the remainder of the summer, walked daily amongst riot. When the hunting season commenced his hounds were hunted in the woodlands amongst abundance of foxes for two months. In the month of November the pack was carefully divided into the old and young pack. The old pack consisted of three-year-olds and upwards; and no two-year-olds were admitted except a very high opinion was entertained of their virtues and abilities."

It would also appear to have been a rule with Mr. Meynell to obtain the opinion of friends upon his pack, and they helped him to discriminate the finest qualities of each hound. Mr. Meynell's opinion was that noise made his hounds run wild.

When Mr. Meynell came of age, as stated by Mr. Blew, he married his first wife, Miss Anne Gell, of Hopton Hall, Derbyshire, by whom he had one son, Godfrey, and she dying in 1757, he next married Annie, daughter of Mr. Thomas Boothby Scrimshire or Scrymshire, of Tooley Park, this lady being grand-daughter of Mr. Thomas Boothby, of Tooley Park, his predecessor in the Quorn country, and sister of "Prince" Boothby who lived with Mr. Meynell, of Langton Hall, when he first took the hounds. By his second wife, Mr. Meynell had two sons, Hugo, born in 1759, and Charles, born in 1768.

"Few masters of hounds," wrote a writer of his era, "knew so well how to preserve a country." In instance of this he writes: "Mr. Meynell, while popular with his subscribers, was held in high esteem by the farmers and cattle-dealers, whose interests he ever consulted. Punctuality at the covert side was not the least of his virtues; but on one occasion seeing a horse ridden by a lad, and knowing who the owner was he pulled out his watch and said: 'I see Jack So-and-So's horse here, and he has not come. It is Leicester Fair this morning; he is a good fellow, and we will give him a quarter of an hour's law.' The 'Jack' in question was a sporting grazier who was attending the fair on business."

Tempora mutantur. As Mr. Meynell's career was closing, Messrs. Cholmondeley, Ralph Lambton, and Forester, riding as straight as the old Master had done, virtually managed the hounds. The science of Mr. Meynell has, of course, been handed on to the present generation.

There is a letter extant in an old copy of a weekly sporting paper in which Mr. GEORGE OSBALDESTON, after ably defending himself from an uncalled-for attack in his old age by the Hon. Grantley Berkeley, winds up with the words, "Now, sir, I hunted the Burton country in Lincolnshire, Mr. Musters' in Nottinghamshire, Lord Vernon's in Derbyshire, the Atherstone, the Holderness in Yorkshire, the Suffolk, the Quorn, the Pytchley, and Hampshire, a period of more than thirty-five years, and during that long career I never heard any complaints conveyed through any of my friends, and I hunted the hounds myself and bred them myself. When I left the Burton country I was presented with a large silver waiter, the handles being in imitation of two foxes' heads, with an inscription expressive of their appreciation of my hunting the country; and when I left the Pytchley I received a beautiful snuff-box from the Hunt with the following inscription: 'To the best sportsman of any age or country.'"

Mr. G.
Osbaldeston
—Master,
1817-21;
1823-27.



If we add to this a note from Mr. Vyner's *Notitia Venatica*, a just appreciation can best be formed of the high opinion entertained of "The Squire," as he was universally termed. It runs: "I have always been a great admirer, not only of the hounds, but of the system which produced more good sport for many years than any other pack of hounds in the world; and I was sorry to see the Squire and his system attacked in his old age, as there was no occasion for it."

The son of Mr. Osbaldeston, of Hutton Bushel, near Scarborough, George Osbaldeston was born on December 26th, 1787, in Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square, it being customary at the period for ladies of position to come to London with a view to obtaining the best advice. Thus the Yorkshire Squire was a London citizen. Losing his father at the age of six, he became heir to a large fortune, which was left to accumulate pending his coming of age. While residing with his mother, at the then ultra-fashionable city of Bath, he received the rudiments of an education befitting his position, not omitting equitation. The last-named part of the curriculum was imparted by Dash, the most celebrated teacher of his day, and so rapidly did he advance that not only did the teacher recognize in him a horseman to the manner born, but constantly exhibited the young gentleman as an illustration of the excellence of his system. After finishing his preparation at Bath, to speak vernacularly, the youngster was sent to Eton, and, if perhaps not so proficient in the dead languages, soon convinced his schoolfellows that he was very much alive in athletics and other sports and pastimes. Indeed, he was recognized as the finest oarsman, best bowler, and best runner in the school. His playing truant to go to Ascot, poaching, and fighting escapades nearly led to his being expelled, but the authorities took it out with the "cutting whip" instead, until he shone as the best-thrashed boy in the school. Transferred to Dr. Carr, Vicar of Brighton, to be prepared for Oxford, he is said to have imitated the feat of Captain Bridges ("Mad Bridges"), then lion of the place, and ridden down The Devil's Punchbowl. This is, we believe, apocryphal as far as Osbaldeston is concerned, but Dr. Carr crammed him sufficiently to matriculate as a gentleman commoner at Brasenose College, Oxford. At this period he was, however, already a Master of Hounds, having purchased a pack from Lord Jersey. These were entered to hare, but in reality dwarf foxhounds, and with them the young Squire showed good sport on his mother's estates at Hutton Bushel. Shortly after this, his mother removing to the palace at Lincoln, the Squire, purchasing Lord Monson's celebrated pack, went in regularly for fox. For five years he hunted the Burton country, and upon his retirement the Hunt presented him with a splendid silver salver, as already mentioned. It may be noted that, good as the pack was when Lord Monson had it, Osbaldeston added to its excellence; sparing neither trouble nor money; he idolized the merits. Always enthusiastic, he once exclaimed, "People say nothing is perfect, but I think my Vaultier is, and he never told a lie in his life." Vaultier, it may be noted, is one of the classic four, the others being Vanquisher, Rocket, and Furrier, by which our forefathers swore as beyond price.

Following this he went into the country of that great Master, Mr. "Jack" Musters, as many of his contemporaries dubbed the other Squire. After building new kennels, however, Mr. Musters being

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unable to spare his, he found the country did not suit him, and quitted it for the Atherstone, to which had been united the Derbyshire country, he drafting the best part of Lord Vernon's into his own pack.

Then came the opportunity of his life. Mr. Tom Smith was desirous of relinquishing the Quorn. What person better fitted to take the horn than this "galloping squire"? Consequently he took over the Quorn and Quorndon Hall at the same time. This was then, as it is now, the most aristocratic of Masterships, and with that wonder, Tom Sebright, who had worked under him in Lincolnshire, as first whip, the golden age of that pack began. It was too golden to last, as far as Osbaldeston was concerned, however. Sir James Musgrave, who knew that the Squire was a good one to follow, if a bad one to beat, unfortunately followed too closely, and, being unable to stop or turn his horse, jumped right on the top of the Squire, smashing his leg so terribly that the bone came through his boot. By this accident he was not only laid up for fourteen months, but, although ever a bold rider, he was never partial to a blind place, and—who can wonder?—always objected to be followed.

During the interregnum the Quorn was hunted by Tom Sebright, and whipped in by Dick Burton. At that period he had seventy-five couples of working hounds and twenty-five horses, and although this has since often been exceeded, the quality of the sport was of a very high description, and sixty brace of foxes, hunted as the Squire hunted them, good enough for anything.

Being advised that a rest was imperative after such an accident, which would have most probably proved fatal to any but so strong a man, Mr. Osbaldeston resigned the Mastership of the Quorn, which was handed over to Lord Southampton. This occurred in 1826. He did not again assume office until the following year, when, in reply to a request, he accepted the Mastership of the Pytchley. In this respect he shares with Sir Bellingham Graham the honour of being the only two sportsmen who have been Masters of both Quorn and Pytchley. The Squire, bringing his own hounds, took up residence at Pilsford. In his opinion the country hunted by this pack was the best in England, and praise from such a Nimrod was praise indeed. Resolving to do justice to the occasion, he put his great energy into the task—went for all he was worth, so to speak. The first season exceeded even his sanguine expectations, as out of fifty days no less than forty proved good, and there were twenty-three good runs in succession. With succeeding seasons he added to his laurels, and this was the more extraordinary as during his period in office he hunted the Thurlow country, Suffolk, for two seasons. To do this he had to travel all night and meet hounds on alternate mornings, a mode of proceeding which we need hardly say required a cast-iron constitution to bear. At that period he was ably assisted by Jack Stevens as first whip and Jem Shirley as second. Both were great favourites with their Master, and, fired by his example, did yeoman service in showing the finest sport to be had in England at that day. In the spring of 1831 the Squire bade adieu to the Pytchley and Thurlow, and never acted as an M.F.H. again. When laying down the horn he carried with him the respect of all, having for thirty-five years shown splendid sport in various parts of England. He disposed of his famous pack of hounds to Mr. Harvey Combe, who hunted the Old Berkeley country with them, and such a reputation attach to the blood that when they subsequently went to Tattersall's, six couples fetched no less than 1,360 guineas.

As a hound breeder he had no superior in his day. He would have them clever in their quarters, and insisted on light necks, putting the accent on the perfect shoulder, however. The only instance, we believe, in which he bred from a throaty hound was in the case of Funder, but this was a concession in favour of that great dog's stoutness and power on the line. It was generally conceded that no pack ever went so well together or at so killing a pace both in covert and in the open, while at the same time they "could stay till the cows came home." This was a literal fact, as they were never whipped off if there were any chance of killing their fox, until it was quite dark even if a score of miles from the kennels. This, too, when the Squire hunted six days a week and frequently had two packs out in a day. That the foxes had a holy fear of Mr. Osbaldeston and his hounds is evidenced by an anecdote of him, told by the late Mr. Blew, a good sportsman whose memory is still green with us. Said he: "When Mr. Osbaldeston took the Burton country he took his hounds to the Wragby woodlands six days a week for five weeks at a stretch, and at last made the foxes so anxious to get away that he betted a friend a guinea that his voice would be enough to make the

foxes break. The friend was stationed at a particular spot; the Squire went into covert, cheered an imaginary pack of hounds, and a leash of foxes went away in view of the friend."

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As a rider, Osbaldeston, before the terrible accident, was one of the straightest and hardest men across country in England, and that, too, in the days when there were giants in the land. With a steeplechase, however, things were different. He rode over the course beforehand, examined the lay of the land and every fence most carefully, and when he had made a mental map of his course, no big place would stop him. And as a steeplechase rider the Squire was never beaten.

In this connection it is necessary to recall the fact that we write of the days in which steeplechasing as we now know it did not exist. There was no Grand National; the professional rider had not been invented and a regular course was unknown. The pastime, of course, arose from the emulation of gentlemen riders, or disputes as to the superiority of certain horses. This led to matches being arranged and orders given to riders to go from one point to another, a steeple being naturally a useful object in lieu of a winning-post. Such conditions led to victory usually resting with the rider having the best knowledge of the country, even if not quite so well mounted, more especially as the venue was generally laid in the stiffer parts of Northamptonshire or Leicestershire.

Perhaps the most celebrated match ridden by the Squire was that against Dick Christian, then in his zenith as a professional horsebreaker and trainer. This was a match for 1,000 guineas, between Clinker and Clasher, made while he and the great all-round sportsman, Captain Ross, were shooting a match at pigeons in the grounds of the Red House. The two sportsmen were to have ridden against each other during the previous year, but as Clinker went lame the match was declared off by consent. Captain Ross happening to mention that Clinker, who had a great name for these steeplechases, was going up at Tattersall's the same afternoon, the subject was reopened. After a lot of badinage, it was proposed that 1,000 guineas aside should be betted on condition that the Squire rode Clinker. To this he demurred, being High Sheriff for Yorkshire at the time. As his friends would not agree to the match unless he was in the saddle, however, he consented, the Clasher party stipulating for Dick Christian. The betting was immense among Corinthians, and the attendance proportionate to the interest created. The line chosen was from Dalby Windmill to Lipton in Leicestershire. With a view to frightening the Squire that he might be jumped upon, the Clasher coterie gave Christian orders to follow close in his track and ford the brook so as to save his horse. These tactics, instead of shaking the Squire's nerve, made him determined that having the lead he would keep it. At the brook he gained several lengths, and, discovering a gap in a very awkward corner of the penultimate field, he won easily. When Master of the Pytchley, he beat Captain Ross on Polecat, the Squire steering his own horse Pilot. He also won several races on Grimaldi, and on the Flat won many races at Goodwood, Newmarket, Heaton Park, and Gorehampton. At Newmarket, while riding Sorella for the Queen's Plate, he lodged a complaint against Robinson for using foul language, but Lord George Bentinck told him that, "If he rode with jockeys he must put up with their manners and customs." Lord George did not like the Squire owing to the latter having won money from him over what was known as The Rush affair, that horse being ridden by the Squire. But that is another story.

How the Squire, when in his forty-sixth year, accomplished his famous ride of 200 miles in 8 hours 42 minutes, for 1,000 guineas, using twenty-eight horses, is matter of history. Boxer, pigeon-shot, athlete, cricketer, and swimmer—all, too, in the first flight—it is to be regretted that this fine sportsman died in comparative indigence. As his lifelong friend, Captain Ross said of him: "He started with a brilliant fortune, but being open-hearted, was constantly deceived and robbed; nor had he sufficient business-head to guide him out of his troubles."

It is questionable if there were ever a more popular Master of the Quorn than SIR HARRY GOODRICKE, BARONET. Born September 16th, 1797, at the family seat, Ribston Hall, Knaresborough, Yorkshire, he was the only son of the sixth Baronet, also Sir Harry, and Charlotte Fortescue, sister to Lord Clermont. The subject of this memoir was the only male heir of his race, and upon the death of his father came into estates both here and in Ireland, and an income of about £60,000 per annum. When Lord Southampton gave up the Quorn Hounds in 1831, Sir Harry's passion for the sport being well known, he was asked to succeed to the vacant Mastership. This he consented to do,

Sir H.
Goodricke,
Bt.—
Master,
1831-33.

Sir H.
Goodricke.

but the kennels at Humberstone Gate being far from popular with followers of the Hunt, Sir Harry straightway gave instructions for new ones to be built at Thrussington, near Melton. And to this fact may be largely ascribed the popularity of that town; or, shall we rather say, Sir Harry Goodricke was its inventor. In this wise: Previous to his advent, Melton was essentially a "male town" that is, sportsmen went there without their wives, and expected their grooms to do likewise. Gambling was of a high order, and four-bottle men plentiful. With the advent of Sir Harry, ladies began to put in an appearance. The Countess of Wilton herself, a charming hostess and leader of society, at once attracted many others, and their influence soon made Melton very fashionable indeed. Sir Harry, Lord Gardner, and Mr. Gilmour kept house together; other joint establishments were those of Lords Alvanley and Rokeby, and Messrs. Stanley and Errington.

The late Mr. Blew says, that concerning Sir Harry Goodricke's kennel, there appears to be some uncertainty. It has been generally supposed that Sir Harry took over and kept as he found them Lord Southampton's hounds. As before remarked, however, Lord Southampton had the nucleus of a very good pack in the hounds Mountford brought with him from Oakley (Lord Tavistock's), whereas Sir Harry Goodricke admitted the truth of the criticism passed on his kennel to the effect that his hounds were not worthy of Leicestershire, but he declared that he would persevere until his kennel was satisfactory if not perfect. . . . To reconcile these two statements is not easy, but from what can be made out it would appear that Sir Harry Goodricke sold Lord Southampton's pack (including the Oakley division) to Mr. Russell of the Warwickshire, and bought the hounds of Lord Petre, who gave up his Essex country in 1831, and we find one sportsman complaining that "Lord Petre's hounds ill supply the place of those he parted with." At the end of his first season, however, Sir Harry was able to buy the hounds of Mr. Shaw when he, in consequence of the vulpicides decimating his foxes, gave up his country between Lichfield and Birmingham. Sir Harry also bought Mr. Saville's draft and twenty couples out of Horfold belonging either to Sir Jacob Astley or Mr. Hill. These hounds in Mountford's hands showed excellent sport.

If Sir Harry could not claim to be a hound-man, he was undoubtedly a riding man and first-class judge of a horse. It is related, indeed, that upon occasion the farmers in the Quorn country were altogether out of concert with him because he, when refusing to buy a horse of one of their number, rejected it on the ground that it was not up to his standard. He is further said to have expressed surprise that in such a country the horses were not of better class. Whether this is an authentic story is an open question, but in any case it is certain that, if unpopular for a period, it soon blew over, as during his term of office no man could have been more esteemed. According to hunting tradition, Sir Harry could not only steer a good horse over a difficult country but also pilot a rough one, and much of it was pounding riding. A chronicler of the day records that he saw the members of the Quorn Hunt after a run, and it would have puzzled a stranger to tell the colour of their coats so bedaubed were they, "but," he adds, "I never saw fellows mind it so little." As to Sir Harry's tactics the following anecdote is significant:—"A friend of mine was standing one day in the yard at Melton when Sir Harry's horse came in with his groom on him. He was a great big thoroughbred, but there was something sulky-looking about his head. Sir Harry had ridden during the first part of the day, and his appearance was such as to make my friend enquire whether he often came home in that state. A person standing by said: 'Not often so bad as that, but I remember being in the yard one day when Sir Harry rode in on the same horse and in much the same state, and upon my remarking said, "Yes; old (I forget the horse's name) has been at his old tricks again; he has been eleven



From a picture in the possession of Mr. A. E. Burnaby.

SIR H. GOODRICKE AND THE QUORN HOUNDS.

times on his head to-day." Now, when you consider that this gallant horseman could have had the pick of the best horses, money being no object, it does seem strange that he should ride such a vicious brute, but he has nerve enough for anything. This horse was a capital hunter when in the humour."

Sir H.
Goodricke.

Upon his Irish estates of Ravensdale and Clermont in county Louth, and at Clermont Lodge in Norfolk, he was a respected sportsman and good landlord, as well as in Yorkshire. At the end of the foxhunting season in England he went to his Irish property to hunt otter, returning to shoot on his Yorkshire estates until it was time to hunt fox again.

His tenancy of the Quorn country was all too short, and at the close of the season in 1833 the Quorn country heard with the deepest regret, almost amounting to consternation, that their popular master had caught a cold when otterhunting in Ireland, and died in forty-eight hours. He was buried at Ribston, September 4th, 1833, being in his thirty-seventh year.

Sir Wm. Sutton, Knight, of Aram, Nottinghamshire, was descended in the thirteenth generation from Roland de Sutton, of Sutton-upon-Trent, *temp.* Henry III. His grandson Robert, for devotion to the Royal Cause, was created by King Charles I. Lord Lexington of Aram, which dignity expired with his son Robert, whose heiress Bridget married the Duke of Rutland.

Sir R.
Sutton, Bt.
—Master,
1847-56.



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SIR RICHARD SUTTON AND THE BURTON HOUNDS.

His descendant, SIR RICHARD SUTTON, SECOND BARONET, was born December 16th, 1799. A sport lover from his youth, and more particularly of hunting, he, in 1824, succeeded Mr. Assheton Smith as Master of the Burton, retaining that gentleman's huntsman, Jack Shirley, and buying his hounds. After Shirley had hunted the pack one season Sir Richard took the horn himself, and carried it for some eighteen seasons with the exception of one, when he was laid up with a broken thigh.

An opportunity occurring of taking the Cottesmore, Sir Richard resigned the Burton in 1842, succeeding the venerable Earl of Lonsdale, and hunting the country with vigour and an increasing popularity. After showing a fine head of foxes for five seasons he consented to fill the post of Master to the Quorn, much to the relief of the members, as in him they found not only an all-round sportsman but a man of sufficient wealth to do things in a style commensurate with the traditions of the Hunt. When he transferred his establishment, almost needless to say, he took no scratch pack with him. Since purchasing the nucleus of it from Mr. Assheton Smith, a keen houndman, Sir Richard had bred carefully, and, showing a personal interest in his kennel, raised a pack which, when taken into the Midlands, were almost perfect for symmetry and working quality. His love for them and knowledge

**Sir R.
Sutton.**

of the quality of individual hounds is best illustrated by an anecdote. Upon occasion he was heard, after arriving at a fixture, to question his second horseman :—

“Many people out?”

“A great many, Sir Richard.”

“Ugh! Is Colonel B— out?”

“Yes, Sir Richard.”

“Ugh! ugh!! Is Mrs. B— out?”

“Yes, Sir Richard.”

“Ugh! ugh!! ugh!!! Then couple up Valiant and Dauntless, and send them home in the brougham.”

Another time, however, he received quite a shock.

Having called aside a gentleman who was very careless as to how close he rode to hounds he said to the delinquent, pointing out one in particular, “I would not have him ridden over for anything.” To his surprise the gentleman in question, evidently no houndman, courteously replied, “I will do anything to oblige you, Sir Richard, but I have a wretched memory for hounds, and I am afraid that he will have to take his chance with the rest.”

We may mention that Sir Richard Sutton estimated that during the thirty-two years in which he had been a Master of Hounds he had expended not less than £300,000 on the sport. The difficulty of pleasing all is proverbial, but an unpleasant incident occurred with the Quorn—then known as Sir Richard Sutton’s Hounds—at the beginning of the season 1848–49. After the pack had run a fox over Wartnaby Stonepits to a small plantation the discharge of a gun was heard, and it was found that a farmer had shot the fox; and not far off a brace of dead foxes were found hanging on a tree. This was part of a vulpical mania at the time which affected the Pytchley, Warwickshire, and Atherstone also, notwithstanding it was estimated that the four Hunts were spending some £390,000 annually in their countries.

So popular was Sir Richard that in 1852 his friends commissioned Sir Francis (then Mr. F.) Grant to paint his portrait, and the celebrated Quorn Hunt picture was the result.

Finding the cares of office press upon him, in 1855 he hinted at resigning office, but was persuaded to continue to the end of the season 1855–56. His end came before that, however. On Monday, November 11th, 1855, he went to his residence, Cambridge House, Piccadilly. On Wednesday, after a good breakfast, he wrote some letters, and shortly afterwards was found dead in the lavatory.

**Earl of
Stamford
—Master,
1856–63.**

Henry de Grey obtained from King Richard I. the Manor of Turroc in Essex, a grant confirmed by King John with the privilege of hunting fox and hare in any lands belonging to the Crown except the King’s own demesnes.

GEORGE HARRY GREY, EARL OF STAMFORD AND WARRINGTON, was the son of that Baron Grey of Groby who sat in the House of Lords from 1832 to 1835. He, upon the death of his father, succeeded to the barony, and in 1845, upon the demise of his grandfather, succeeded to the earldom. Lord Stamford touched Royalty in the fact that he was descended from the first Lord Grey of Groby, the nephew of that Duke of Suffolk who was the father of Lady Jane Grey. Thus the Earl of Stamford and Warrington was the head of a younger branch of the Tudor family.

Possessed of immense wealth, the Earl was essentially a sporting English gentleman. Educated at Eton, and Cambridge University. Under the care of Dr. Augustus Short, then Vicar of Ravensthorpe and erstwhile Bishop of Adelaide, he would appear to have been imbued with proper principles, as the vicar encouraged athletics as well as mental exercises. As a cricketer he played for many counties, and at Eville, in Staffordshire, he had a ground upon which he encouraged the game.

It pertained most properly to the descendant of Henry de Grey aforesaid, and the grant of privilege to hunt “fox and hare,” that he should become Master of possibly the greatest pack of foxhounds in England, and therefore in the world. He did the thing well. At Quorndon his establishment was conducted in a style calculated to trouble other Masters of Hounds,

and worry those who succeeded him. The servants were of the ablest, from Treadwell, the huntsman, downwards, and from eighty to one hundred horses were usually stabled at Quorndon and Bradgate. In a day when 200 guineas was a very big price for a hunter, many of the Earl's were valued at 100 and 500 guineas, and his favourite old grey, Charnwood, money could not have bought.

Earl of
Stamford.

When Lord Stamford took the country in 1856, following that good sportsman, Sir Richard Sutton, he had a primary difficulty in getting together a pack such as the necessities of the great flying country demanded. Fortunately for him Mr. Hillyer's pack and the Bedale of the time were in the market, and he bought both of them. Sir Richard Sutton's also furnished four or five couples, and at the period in question Mr. Milbanke's strain, noted for gameness and pace, was in the ascendant. Treadwell gave close attention to the breeding, and the now historic Bluebell was one in which he took a particular pride. It was said of the pack that it could "hunt as well as gallop," a fact, perhaps, not always associated with performances of the Quorn.

Of the Earl of Stamford and Warrington it must be recorded that he not only rode straight and well, but never abused his horse, and his eye for a country was proverbial.

Scion of an old Cheshire family Mr. JOHN COUPLAND was born in 1834. Part of his early life was spent in India, and while there he established a pack of hounds in Bombay. These, like the witness in *Great Expectations*, would appear to have been equal to "most anythin'" in a general way, as lacking foxes they hunted jackal and what else they could find.

Mr. J.
Coupland
—Master,
1870-84.

Upon his return to England he became a regular follower of the Cheshire Hounds and Sir Watkin Wynn's. It is notable in this connection that he took a great fancy to Walker, Sir Watkin's huntsman at the time. The feeling was reciprocal, they were frequent companions, and from the precepts and practices of the able Hunt servant Mr. Coupland doubtless became more deeply imbued with the love of hunting on scientific principles which so distinguished him when Master of the Quorn.

When, in 1869, Mr. Chaworth Musters, through failing health and the heavy strain upon his purse, had serious thoughts of retiring from the Quorn, he asked Mr. Coupland to become his Hunt partner, and superintend the hunting of the pack; Mr. Musters agreeing to lend his hounds to the country. This was accepted, and during the season 1870-71 remained in force, albeit Mr. Coupland was the virtual Master. In the succeeding season our subject purchased the Craven pack from Mr. George Willes. That gentleman, during his stay in the Berkshire country, had paid the closest attention to hound breeding, and his pack contained some of the best strains of blood in the kingdom. Upon their first appearance in Leicestershire, however, we have heard it stated that they did not shine, as they were used to a cold scenting plough-country, where overriding was not practised, and in the first rush of "the cream" of Leicestershire, they were almost demoralized when a fox was found. How true this may be is a moot point, but probably the best answer to be found is in the fact that the finest blood in the Quorn pack to-day is descended from the hounds in question.

Few men could so justly claim the title of master of their work as Mr. Coupland. He made hunting not only a pastime but a business. His punctuality was a feature in a day when the virtue was rare, and if the late birds got ten minutes law allowed it was all they ever experienced. In the management of his field, too, in a Hunt where it was especially difficult, he courteously insisted upon being Master not only in name but in fact. Understanding the science of the game he aimed at the promotion of sport only.

With this end in view his Hunt servants were as well mounted as himself, and we believe John Darby, of Rugby, supplied many of the excellent horses in his stable. Another point with him was to hunt his country thoroughly, never shirking presumably bad coverts but taking good and bad in turn. This was initially a matter of no little difficulty, as when he took the country, foxes, owing to game preservation, were decidedly scarce. To remedy this, Mr. Coupland was the first to start the system of rewarding keepers for each fox found in their coverts. The payment was 10s. per fox, and in three seasons foxes were not only plentiful but 500 rewards had been paid and invested to obtain the goodwill of the keeper. The effects were farther reaching than this;

Mr. J.
Coupland.

and an instance was afforded when the keepers and earth-stoppers, on the opening day of the season 1873-74, presented Mr. Coupland with a hunting horn, the presentation being made in a speech by a patriarchal earth-stopper, in Leicestershire dialect. Mr. Coupland's reply to his humble friends is too long for insertion here, but it was well calculated to foster sport in what he described as "the finest country in England."

The season 1872-73 was opened as usual at Kirby Gate, albeit there was no Kirby Gate, as the time honoured "pike" was demolished on the day fixed for the meet there.

An amusing event occurred during the Mastership of Mr. Coupland. We have all heard of "The Bronze Horse," but few have seen the gilt one in the flesh. A lady who was staying near Melton was wearing golden tresses at the time, but finding that her bottle of aureoline had been left by her maid, sent a groom to fetch it. That unlucky wight having put the bottle in his pocket broke it on the ride home, and the contents flowed over the mare he was riding. She was a dark brown, but the contents of the bottle turned her out streaked like a zebra with golden bands; the Hunt promptly christened her Aureoline.

In 1867, Mr. Coupland married Mrs. Webster, daughter of Sir Henry Calder and granddaughter of the first Earl of Limerick. The lady did not ride to hounds, but followed the pack diligently on wheels. The Hunt members were sincerely grieved when her death occurred in 1875.

Well known in the steeplechase world, he at one time steered his own horses between the flags, among the best known being Stanton, who also raced on the flat, Roundtext, and Bannockburn. One of the best hunters that Mr. Coupland ever owned was The Knight, which he sold subsequently to the Marquess of Huntly, who, putting him into training, when re-named Pathfinder, won the Grand National of 1875.

A member of the Coaching Club, and first-class whip, Mr. Coupland usually drove chestnuts, which at the meets in the Park were among the finest teams in the parade. He resigned the Mastership in 1884, having borne the name of being one of the best and most liberal Masters of which this celebrated pack can boast.

Captain W.
P. Warner
—Master,
1886-93.

The Mastership of the Quorn was for the period of seven years in the able hands of CAPTAIN WILLIAM POCHIN WARNER. This good sportsman, who was born in the Quorn country (practically within sight and sound of the old kennels) in February, 1854, is a son of Mr. Edward Warner, of Quorn Hall, who was a well-known Leicestershire hunting man for more than fifty years.

After his Rugby days, a commission in the 18th Hussars was obtained by the subject of these notes, who subsequently retired with the rank of captain.

It was during Lord Stamford's Mastership of the Quorn (1863) that Captain Warner first followed hounds, although he has since alternated with the Pychley, Mr. Fernie's, Cottesmore, and Belvoir packs. In 1886 the Captain became Master *in propria persona*, and kept the Quorn country going merrily and well for seven years, being joined in his undertaking by Mr. W. B. Paget. On giving up the Mastership, Captain Warner went to live at Langton Hall, near Market Harborough, where he still resides.

He is a member of the Army and Navy Club, and a bachelor.



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CAPTAIN W. P. WARNER.

Captain F.
W. Forester
—present
Master.

Previous to his acceptance of the Mastership of the Quorn, CAPTAIN FRANCIS WILLIAM FORESTER had obtained considerable experience in the same capacity in several countries, both in England and in Ireland. Born at Somerby, Leicestershire, in 1860, and educated at Eton, he subsequently entered the Army, in which he remained nine years, retiring with the rank of captain. With Mr. Tailby's he began to hunt when a boy, and diversified matters by following the Quorn, Belvoir, Cottesmore, and other packs in the flying countries. He then took some seasons with the leading

Yorkshire packs, and military duties demanding his presence in Ireland, he hunted seven seasons there, becoming Master of the Muskerry during the years 1889 and 1890. Upon retiring from the Service, he accepted the Mastership of the Limerick Hounds, which he held for a couple of seasons. Then he took the direction of the Old Berkshire during 1893 and 1894, and subsequently, migrating to the Quorn country, he, in 1905, became Master of that renowned pack.

He is a member of Boodle's, The Turf, and Naval and Military Clubs, and resides at Saxebye Park, Melton Mowbray.

The Quorn country have an indefatigable and popular Hunt Secretary in the person of Mr. GEORGE TEMPEST WADE, of Birstall, near Leicester. He was born at Belgrave, near Leicester, in May, 1848, and was educated at Uppingham. The profession of land agent and auctioneer was his choice, and he soon turned his attention to horses, and built the well-known repository at Leicester (with a branch at Cheltenham) known to all sportsmen as Warner, Sheppard and Wade. Mr. Wade himself regularly officiates in the rostrum, and is a capital salesman. Some of the finest horses that this country has produced have come under the hammer of the firm, of which he is the senior partner.

As regards his foxhunting "credentials," Mr. Wade was introduced to the Quorn pack when but a child of five, and, although since that time he has followed other packs both here and over in Ireland, his principal hunting has been done in the country of which he is now so praiseworthy a Secretary.

Mr. Wade often judges at local shows. He is a Justice of the Peace for Leicester, and a member of the County Club.

Mr. R. L. BEEKMAN, of Staveley Lodge, Melton Mowbray, is an American gentleman who pays an annual visit to England in the winter to hunt with the Quorn. He resides in New York, and is a member of the Knickerbocker Club in that city.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. COLONEL E. H. BALDOCK.



From a painting.

CAPTAIN F. W. FORESTER.

Captain F.
W. Forester

Mr. G. T.
Wade
Secretary.

Among the fine sportsmen of the grass countries COLONEL E. H. BALDOCK is one of the most esteemed. Blooded as a youngster of very tender years by his cousin, Mr. Reginald Corbett, Master of the Cheshire, the auspicious event took place in his Eton days. As far as memory serves the Colonel, it was in 1868.

Colonel E.
H. Baldock.

Taking up his residence at Deanshanger, in the Grafton country, in 1876, he divided his time between that pack, the Whaddon Chase, and Lord Rothschild's Staghounds. During the season 1876-77 he had no less than 110 days' hunting. Migrating to The Cottage, at Somerby, in the following year, he hunted with the Quorn, Belvoir, and Cottesmore. Two years later he took his present house, Craven Lodge, Melton Mowbray, and is still an ardent rider with the three packs in question.

**Colonel E.
H. Baldock.**

An all-round sportsman, as a shot he has few equals. In former days he kept a stud of flat racers.

**Captain D.
Beatty.**

The grandson of that notable sportsman, the late Mr. David Vandeleur Beatty, Master of the Wexford Foxhounds from 1842 to 1881, and son of the late Captain David Longfield Beatty, the subject of these notes, CAPTAIN DAVID BEATTY, M.V.O., D.S.O., R.N., of Brooksby Hall, Leicester, and Upper Grosvenor Street, W., was born in January, 1871. Destined early for a naval career, he was trained on H.M.S. "*Britannia*," and joined the Service in 1884.

His hunting days began when he was five. He then followed the Cheshire and Sir Watkin Wynn's, with which packs he hunted on and off, as a boy, for about eight seasons. Afterwards, when not at sea, with the Pychley, Warwickshire, and Atherstone; this was between 1889 and 1900. The Quorn, however, has been his chief field of sport since 1901, and he has had, of course, visiting days with neighbouring packs.

His most notable hunter was perhaps Bluejacket, by Whistlejacket. The Captain has during the past few years gone in for breeding his own hunters, and he has also figured in hunt point-to-point races and steeplechases.

Captain Beatty married Ethel, only daughter of Mr. Marshall Field, of Chicago, U.S.A. Mrs. Beatty is recognized as one of the most accomplished ladies who follow the Quorn and neighbouring packs.

Captain Beatty is a member of the Naval and Military and Turf Clubs.

**Mr. C.
Bland.**

MR. CHARLES BLAND, who is the son of the late Mr. John Joseph Bland, and grandson of the celebrated Mr. Avery Bland, both of Greatford, Lincolnshire, was born October 19th, 1834. Educated privately, studying under Canon Fryer, of Leicester, he subsequently engaged in farming.



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MR. C. BLAND.

Beginning to hunt as a lad of fourteen with the Cottesmore (then under the Mastership of Mr. Henley Greaves), he followed this pack four seasons. Upon taking up residence at Gaddesby, however, he turned his attention to the Quorn, then under the aegis of the Earl of Stamford and Warrington, and regularly hunted with them for thirty years. He is still an active member of the Hunt and Finance Committees, being elected during the Mastership of Lord Hastings.

Undoubtedly the best of his hunters was The Priest (Irish bred), a wonder at both timber and water; he is still remembered in the Quorn country.

Mr. Bland is an organizer of no mean order, and has taken part in the arrangement of numerous point-to-point fixtures and steeplechases. He also superintended the breeding of

a splendid herd of shorthorns in Leicestershire, which he brought to such a state of perfection that he has sold calves at from £2,000 to £3,000 each.

He is a member of the London Constitutional Club, for which he was nominated by the late Lord Lathom.

In 1873, by permission of the late Mr. Cheney, he planned out and planted the famous Gaddesby Spinneys, which have long had the reputation of being "ready" when called upon.

**Mr. A. E.
Burnaby.**

The name of Burnaby is one to conjure with in Leicestershire, the intimate association of that family with the Quorn Hunt being as familiar as household words to all sportsmen. Born in April, 1868, MR. ALGERNON EDWYN BURNABY, of Baggrave Hall, is the son of that famous Crimean hero, the



Mr. A. E. Burnaby on "The Father."

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late Major-General Burnaby, a soldier whose name will ever be connected with our best traditions of sport.

Mr. A. E. Burnaby.

Educated at Eton and Sandhurst, Mr. Burnaby entered the Army, remaining five years in the Service, during which he did a lot of hunting, both on this side and in Ireland. His earliest recollections of the sport were, however, with the Quorn as a boy, and although he has followed most of our leading packs, he has been constant to his first love throughout, more especially since his retirement from the Army.

Fond of racing, both on the flat and between flags, Mr. Burnaby has owned many notable performers. Very fond of sport generally, he is especially keen on polo.

At Baggrave Hall, an illustration of which we reproduce in the history of the Quorn, by the kind permission of Mr. Burnaby, there is a gorse covert which was started by His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, who planted the first bushes.

Mr. Burnaby is a member of the Turf and other leading Clubs.

Mr. JOHN DAVYS CRADOCK for twelve years acted as Honorary Secretary. He was born in April, 1845, and is the son of the late Mr. Thomas Cradock, mentioned, in connection with the Secretaryship, in the Hunt History. The Quorn was naturally the first pack with which he hunted, at five years old being blooded by old Tom Day, huntsman in Sir Richard Sutton's

Mastership. Since 1868 he has been a regular follower of these famous hounds. On retiring from the Secretaryship, Mr. Cradock was the recipient of a magnificent silver bowl and purse of gold, as a mark of appreciation, from the members of the Quorn for his valuable services. It is by his kindness that we are enabled to reproduce the portraits of the former Secretaries in the history of the Hunt.

Mr. Cradock has been a member of the Leicester County Council since its inception, and resides at Quorn.

Mr. JOHN CROSS, of Langbank, Renfrewshire, N.B., and Keyham Hall, Leicestershire, is the son of the late Mr. David Cross, J.P., was born September 19th, 1855, and educated at Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh. In after years he became a member of the Glasgow Stock Exchange, and married, in 1886, Lady Theresa Montgomerie, second daughter of the late (fourteenth) Earl of



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MR. J. D. CRADOCK.

Eglinton. As a boy of fourteen he hunted with the Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire Foxhounds, which pack and Lord Eglinton's he has followed for something like thirty years. Since 1893, Mr. Cross has hunted regularly with the Quorn, Mr. Fernie's, and the Cottesmore, and has had occasional days with the Pytchley, Belvoir, Lord Harrington's, and the North Warwickshire, as well as with the Ward Union, Kildare, and the Meath in Ireland. He has ridden in steeplechases and points-to-points, and has scored some wins. Mr. Cross is a member of the Western Club, Glasgow, the Ayr County Club, and Boodle's.

Lady Theresa Montgomerie is well known with the Quorn, the Cottesmore, and Mr. Fernie's, and is recognized as a thoroughly accomplished horsewoman.

Mr. Cross also hunted seasons 1887-88 and 1888-89 with the Cheshire and neighbouring packs.

THE BARON DE FOREST (Maurice Arnold), Hereditary Baron of the Austrian Empire, was born on January 9th, 1879, and was granted by Her Majesty the late Queen Victoria, by Letters

The Baron De Forest.



Mr. J. D. Cradock.

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THE LATE MAJOR-GENERAL E. S. BURNABY.

**The Baron
De Forest.**

Patent, the right to use the title of Baron in this country. On proceeding to Christ Church College, Oxford, after leaving Eton, he used to hunt with the neighbouring packs, and rode in the Varsity Grinds.

On leaving Oxford, the Baron spent a few years abroad, but has for the last few seasons taken up hunting again, and last year managed to get his six days a week from his place at Melton, with the Cottesmore, Quorn, and Belvoir, to which packs he is a regular and generous subscriber. He has, of course, also hunted from his ancestral seat in Austria, Eichhorn, near Brinn.

At the present time keeping a big stud, the Baron possesses an extremely fine hunter, a bay mare named Rance, which he bought of Lady Gerard, his mother-in-law. Brunette also did good service. So well known is the Baron's personality that it is needless here to recount the various distinctions which he has achieved in the many spheres of the World of Sport. As a Turf patron, he has been before the public for some years. He is, moreover, a keen yachtsman, formerly owning the racing yacht "*Magdalen*" which raced all round England unbeaten in the season of 1902, and now also owns the steam yacht "*The Honor*" of over 1,000 tons, quite one of the finest yachts afloat.

In 1901 the Baron married the Hon. Ethel Catherine Gerard, only daughter of the late Lord Gerard. Coming from this family, it is only natural that the Barouess is a keen horsewoman, and has been well-known in the hunting field since the time of her girlhood. The Baron lives in London, at Spencer House, St. James's—Earl Spencer's magnificent house—and has leased Londesborough Park, Yorkshire, for some years, as well as Gaddesby Hall, as a hunting-box in Leicestershire. He is a member of the Marlborough among many other Clubs.

Motoring was another sport in which the Baron formerly evinced an active interest. At one time he held the world's record for the mile (at the rate of 96 miles an hour at Phoenix Park) and came in second in the International Paris-Vienna Race. He also drove in the Paris-Madrid and Gordon-Bennett contests. In Switzerland, he came in second twice in the Grand National Tobogganing contest, on the Cresta run, once breaking the record for time.

**Mr. E. M. P.
de Lisle.**

MR. EVERARD MARCH PHILLIPPS DE LISLE, J.P., D.L., was born on September 17th, 1862, son of the late Mr. Ambrose C. M. P. de Lisle, of Garendon Park, and Gracedieu Manor, Leicestershire, by the fourth daughter of Sir Richard Sutton, second Baronet.

Mr. E. M. P. de Lisle was educated at Woburn Park College, Surrey. Previous to this event, however, he had begun hunting with the Quorn, and he has, with the exception of odd days with Lord Harrington's and the Atherstone, given his whole allegiance to the pack ever since. His best hunters have been Runnymede, Candidate, and Stockings.



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MR. E. M. P. DE LISLE.



From a painting.

MASTER E. P. DE LISLE.

Mr. de Lisle has a large estate of 8,000 acres, on which there are no fewer than twenty-five fox coverts, all in the Quorn country, and the well-known Blackbrook Reservoir, three miles in circumference.

Mrs. de Lisle is the second daughter of the late James Stebbings, of Stowmarket, Suffolk, and her son, Master Everard William Stebbings March Phillipps de Lisle, grandson of the late Sir Richard Sutton, of hunting fame, is well known with the Quorn, having commenced on his pony Gypsy,

when six years old. He already possesses a brush and mask from Captain Burus Hartopp (of the Quorn), a brush from Lord Harrington, and another from Captain Frank Forester.

**Mr. E. M. P.
de Lisle.**

Mr. de Lisle's estates comprise Garendon Park, Gracedieu Manor, and Onebarrow Lodge, all in Leicestershire, of which county he was High Sheriff in 1906-07. He is a member of the Cavalry Club and Arthur's, and is Major Commanding "C" Squadron, L.I.Y.

Of the many notable lady members of the Quorn Hunt, the two Misses HAMSHAW, daughters of the late Mr. Harry Arthur Hamshaw, of Rearsby House, are well to the fore.

**The Misses
Hamshaw.**



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MISS M. HAMSHAW.



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MISS E. HAMSHAW.

They both commenced to hunt when ten years old, and have hunted regularly with the Quorn ever since.

Miss Muriel Hamshaw, the elder sister, had a fine hunter, an Irish mare named The Nun, who carried her owner for four seasons, whilst Miss Eileen Hamshaw's favourite mount is Philammon.

They have both also hunted with Mr. Fernie's, while Mr. J. Otho Paget's Beagles have afforded them some sport.

MRS. GERTRUDE GODFREY'S introduction to the saddle occurred at a very tender age, and she has since indulged in the sport whenever possible.

**Mrs. G.
Godfrey.**

The daughter of the late Mr. John Whitaker, J.P., of Winsley Hall, Shrewsbury, and sister of Captain Whitaker, who was Master of the Albrighton in the seasons 1903-05, it was with the South Shropshire Hounds that she first experienced the pleasures of the chase, and her connection with this pack extended for about twelve seasons. Since her marriage she has hunted regularly with the Quorn, on the Forest side of the country, and has had occasional days with the Meynell, Cotswold, and Lord Harrington's.

Mrs. Godfrey's best hunters were Shillelagh and a well-known grey mare. She resides at Long Whalton Rectory, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Born May 2nd, 1855, MR. SAMUEL LANTON HAMES, M.R.C.V.S., is the son of the late Mr. Frank Hames, of Leicester. Educated at Totteridge School, he adopted



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MR. S. L. HAMES.

**Mr. S. L.
Hames.**

veterinary surgery as his profession, taking his degrees in London. Early acquainted with the

Mr. S. L. Hames.

horse, he began hunting when eight years of age, the Quorn being the first pack followed, at that time under the Mastership of the Marquess of Hastings. With plenty of experience since those days, obtained with many other packs, Mr. Hames has, however, done most of his riding with the Quorn and Mr. Fernie's; one of the oldest members of both Hunts, he is among our best riders to hounds in England.

He has taken part in the Quorn Point-to-Point Races, as a heavy-weight. He considers Philactery was the best hunter he ever rode, and among the good horses sold by him was White Legs, purchased by Lord Lonsdale, and Lord Arthur, by Mr. H. T. Barclay.

His son Frederick, who was born May 14th, 1886, and educated at Uppingham, is well-known with both the Quorn and Pytchley. A lover of hunting and polo, he promises to follow in his father's footsteps.

Mr. Hames is a member of the Leicestershire Conservative Club, and resides at Hollybank, Leicester.

Major B. C. Johnston.

MAJOR BRUCE CAMPBELL JOHNSTON, son of the late Captain Frederick E. Johnston, R.N., and grandson of the late Sir Alexander Johnston, of Carnsallock, was born January 21st, 1861, and joined the Royal Engineers in 1883, retiring as Major in 1903. He married Mary, eldest daughter of the late Sir Henry Daly, G.C.B., who was for many years Master of the Isle of Wight Foxhounds. Mrs. B. C. Johnston is a well-known figure with the Quorn.

Major Johnston first commenced hunting with the Calpé Foxhounds in 1885, and followed them regularly for five seasons. From 1900 to 1904 he followed the Whaddon Chase Foxhounds and Lord Rothschild's Staghounds, and in 1905 the Pytchley, both Warwickshire Hounds, the Grafton and the Bicester; since the latter year he has regularly followed the Quorn.

One of the Major's finest hunters was K.C., by Sheldrake. He ran for many years under the National Hunt Rules, and was well known with the Pytchley.

Major Johnston is a member of the Naval and Military Club, and lives at The Old Hall, Rearsby, Leicestershire.

Mr. H. P. McKean.

The United States of America sends us annually many good men to hounds; among these, Mr. HENRY PRATT MCKEAN is a distinctive figure. Born in Philadelphia in 1866, he was from his boyhood devoted to sport, and made early acquaintance with hounds in America, where he followed the Myopia and Radnor. Coming to this country first in 1906, he made Melton his headquarters, and attached himself to the Midland packs; the Quorn more especially being his favourite. Next to this the Atherstone and Warwickshire saw a good deal of his fine riding powers, and, as an interlude, he visited Ireland, hunting there with the Ward Union. A keen player at polo, when hunting is out of season, he is also a devotee of the rifle, and big-game shooting has given him many a pleasant day. As a "man in pink" he loves rather to see the work of a pack than trouble himself as to a fast performance in the field.

His home address is Pendlyn Farm, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.



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MR. H. P. MCKEAN.

The Hon. A. J. Pennington.

THE HON. ALAN JOSEPH PENNINGTON, J.P., the son of the third and brother and heir presumptive to the 5th Baron Muncaster, was born April 5th, 1837. In the year 1880 he married Anna Eleanora, daughter of Mr. Edward Bouchier Hartopp, of Dalby Hall, Leicestershire. Beginning his career as a midshipman in the Senior Service, he served during the Crimean War, when he obtained medal and clasp. Joining the Rifle Brigade in 1855, he served with that regiment till 1862, when he retired.

Early experiences in the hunting field were with the Holderness when a boy, and later in life he became Master of that pack, during the seasons 1877-78. Since the sixties he has been a regular follower of the Quorn, Cottesmore, Mr. Tailby's and the Belvoir, with the exception of a year in Ireland, which he devoted chiefly to the Meath and Kildare. Mrs. Pennington has always hunted with the best packs in the Midlands, and is known as a straight rider to hounds and an accomplished horse-woman.

**The Hon.
A. J. Pen-
nington.**



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THE HON. A. J. PENNINGTON.

Friary, Old Windsor, was educated at Eton, and subsequently commissioned in the Royal Horse Guards Blue, serving with them for eighteen years. He retired in 1906. During his service he was actively engaged in the South African campaign, having the misfortune to be made a prisoner for six months.

The Garth Foxhounds first introduced him to the noble science when a lad, and subsequently, in 1889, he became Master of the Household Brigade Dragoonhounds. At present he is a regular follower of the Midland packs, more notably the Quorn, hunting from Kirby Lodge, Melton Mowbray.

Mrs. Ricardo, a sister of that well-known sportsman,

Mr. Pennington is a member of the Army and Navy Club, and resides at Burleigh Hall, Loughborough, Leicestershire, his town house being 14, Lowndes Square, S.W.

Born in March, 1868, MAJOR WILFRID FRANCIS RICARDO, the son of Mr. Francis Ricardo, of The

**Major W. F.
Ricardo.**



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MAJOR RICARDO'S "BITTER'S INN."

Mr. Isaac Bell, has been a rider from her childhood. She is a keen lover of sport in many branches, but more especially loves a good horse and a pack of hounds in front of her.

Major Ricardo is a member of the Turf and Marlborough Clubs.

Thus Burke of the family of St. Maur: "Camden in his *Britannia* says, not far from Caldecote were Woundy and Penhow, the seats formerly of the illustrious family of St. Maur, now corruptly called Seymour, for we find that about the year 1240 (in order to wrest Woundy out of the hands of the Welsh) Gilbert Marshall, Earl of Pembroke, was obliged to assist William St. Maur, from whom was descended Roger St. Maur, Kt."

**Lord E.
St. Maur.**



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LORD E. ST. MAUR.

seat, Maiden Bradley House, near Frome, on November 11th, 1847, a few years later removing to

**Lord E.
St. Maur.**

Burton Hall, Loughborough, when Sir Richard Sutton was Master of the Quorn Hounds. Here he spent some years of his boyhood, and at ten years old was blooded by Treadwell, who hunted the Quorn Hounds under the Mastership of Lord Stamford. He entered Harrow School in September, 1860, as a pupil at E. H. Vaughan's House, and a few years later went with his parents to reside at Wilcot Manor, in the Tedworth country, hunting also with the Craven, South Wilts, and occasionally with the Duke of Beaufort's and Vale of White Horse Hounds. At this time, about the year 1865, having left Harrow, he and his brothers were pursuing their studies with the Rev. W. McKnight at Lydiard Millicent, near Swindon, where a pack of foot beagles had been established for some years and with which the pupils enjoyed excellent sport, receiving a hearty welcome from the neighbouring farmers, who were very glad to join in hunting the hare on foot. On leaving Lydiard, Lord Ernest entered at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he still enjoyed the sport, whipping in for three seasons to the Trinity Foot Beagles. He continued for many years hunting from Wilcot with the neighbouring foxhounds, harriers, otterhounds, and occasionally being a spectator of the sport shown on Salisbury Plain by the "Old Hawking Club." In the year 1887 he was again living at Maiden Bradley, where he hunted regularly with the West Wilts Hounds, then under the Mastership of Captain Helme, also with the Blackmore Vale and Lord Portman's Hounds. The year 1895 found him again residing at Burton Hall and hunting with the Quorn Hounds, under the Mastership of Lord Lonsdale, with Tom Firr as huntsman, and here he is still to be found with Lady Ernest, who is equally fond of country life and the sport for which Leicestershire is celebrated.

**Mr. J.
Shields.**

MR. JOHN SHIELDS, D.C. for the parish of Breedon-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, was born on February 1st, 1882, and is the son of Mr. John Gillies Shields, J.P., D.C. for Isley Walton and Castle Donnington, and C.C. for Leicestershire. Educated at Derby School, he afterwards turned his attention to land agency as well as farming in all its branches, which he studied on upwards of a thousand acres, his father's property. He had been previously introduced to the hunting field when, at the age of nine years, he first followed the Quorn. Since then he has been a regular rider to the pack, with the exception of occasional turns behind the Atherstone, Meynell, Lord Harrington's, and the Foremark Harriers.

In recalling some of his best performers in the field, mention must be made of Harrow, an Irish horse (16.1), Eton (15.3), and Shamrock, all well known in his country. He is a breeder and exhibitor of hunters, winning several prizes at the various local shows. He has also shown his practical interest in the fortunes of the pack by walking puppies for the last fifteen years.

Among his pastimes are shooting, fishing, and village cricket, but, as lovers of Byron's "manly game" are doubtless aware, he has played for Leicestershire county team since 1906.

Mr. Shields is a member of the Leicestershire County Cricket Club, and resides at the Manor House, Isley Walton.



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MR. J. SHIELDS.

**Mr. B.
Sheriffe.**

Born in August, 1861, at Thurmaston Hall, Leicestershire, Mr. BERTIE SHERIFFE, the eldest son of Mr. Thomas Bowen Sheriffe, of Henstead Hall, Wrentham, Suffolk, was educated at Harrow and Magdalene College, Cambridge. Early in the eighties he could relate some big runs in the grass countries, notably with the Bicester, after which his experiences included the Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's. Ireland knew him as a fine rider with the Meath and Kildare.

In his military capacity he has visited various parts of our globe, more notably South Africa, where he served in the 3rd Imperial Yeomanry with Lord Methuen's Division, and took part in

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Mr. R. E. Strawbridge.

many engagements and rough work with that force, being awarded two medals, and when upon a more peaceful mission he acted as aide-de-camp to Earl Carrington in Australia. Upon his return to this country, he went first to Ireland, and subsequently to the county of broad acres, where he hunted with the Bramham Moor, and York and Ainsty. In the late nineties he took up residence at Wyndham Lodge, Melton Mowbray, and confined most of his attention to the Quorn, Belvoir, and Cottesmore.

Most of us remember when he rode Albert Cecil into sixth place for the Grand National of 1881, wherefore it is needless to mention that he can ride between the flags as well as across a hunting country.

Among his favourite pastimes shooting takes a high place. An enthusiastic devotee of the fly, as a salmon fisher he is equalled, if not excelled, by Mrs. Sheriffe, the second daughter of Mr. George Vickers, of the great engineering firm of Vickers, Sons, and Maxim. This accomplished horsewoman has been a rider to hounds all her life, and is a member of the Quorn Hunt. Captain Sheriffe, who



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MR. B. SHERIFFE.

is a member of the Bachelors' and Junior Carlton Clubs, resides at Wyndham Lodge, Melton Mowbray.



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MRS. SHERIFFE.

Mr. ROBERT BASIL STAMFORD, F.R.C.S., of Loughborough, born in April, 1872, is the son of Mr. William Ackrill Stamford, of Tibshelf, Derbyshire, and was educated at Repton and Guy's Hospital. He first commenced hunting with the Rufford, which he followed for twenty-five seasons, and on taking up his residence in Loughborough became a member of the Quorn, which he has since regularly followed. He has had occasional days with Lord Harrington's, the Fitzwilliam, Barlow, Cottesmore, Belvoir, Lord Rothschild's, the Hertfordshire, and the Berkhamsted Staghounds.

Mr. R. B. Stamford.

Of the many Americans who annually pay this country a visit for the hunting season, few are so popular as Mr. ROBERT E. STRAWBRIDGE and his charming wife. This, if we may be permitted to say so, is largely due to the modesty of manner which both possess.

Born in Pennsylvania in February, 1872, Mr. Strawbridge has hunted since his boyhood. Initial experiences were with the Pembroke Draghounds and the Radnor; the last-named pack, by the way, was drafted principally from the Belvoir.

Mr. Strawbridge's first experiences in the Midlands were with the Quorn, Belvoir, and Cottesmore in 1904 and 1905. A member of the Quorn Hunt, he, each season, makes Melton Mowbray his headquarters. It is a notable fact in connection with his hunters that they are all American, and he transports them to this country annually.

Polo is a favourite pastime with Mr. Strawbridge, who plays it during the summer months at his American home, Meadow Lodge, Delaware, Pennsylvania. He hunts from Sysonby Lodge, Melton Mowbray. Mrs. Strawbridge has been a keen rider to hounds since her childhood, both in America and this country.

Mr. R. E. Strawbridge.

Miss C.
Wade and
Miss M. C.
Parker.

Two well-known lady followers of the Quorn Hounds are Miss CHRISTIANA WADE and Miss MARION CONSTANCE PARKER. They have hunted with the pack for many years, and are recognized as accomplished horsewomen. Miss Wade is the daughter of the late Mr. George Hayward Wade, of The Chase, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire. Miss Parker is the daughter of the late Rev. George Edward Parker, M.A., who was Chaplain to His Majesty's Forces. Her best hunters were Hops, Silent Tommy, and Nancy. She is much interested in the girls' homes known by the name of the residence of both ladies, Broomriggs, at Woodhouse Eaves.



Mr. E. H.
Warner.

MISS PARKER.

MR. EDWARD HANDLEY WARNER, J.P., D.L., was born on August 20th, 1850, and is the son of the late Mr. Edward Warner, J.P., of Quorn,



MISS WADE.

Leicestershire. He was educated at Rugby and Oxford. He commenced hunting with the Quorn in 1856, and has ever since been a regular follower of the pack. He has been an active member of the Committee for several years, and is also Chairman of the Finance Committee. He has occasionally hunted with Mr. Fernie's, the Cottesmore, Bicester, Heythrop, and the North Warwickshire Hounds.

One of his best hunters was Custard, a dun horse, with black stripes down its back. He lives at Quorn Hall, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Mr. H. H.
Woodward.

The Woodward family are particularly associated with the Quorn Hunt.

MR. HUBERT HAWKES WOODWARD, the son of Mr. J. Hawkes Woodward, has hunted with the pack for the greater part of his life. He is a nephew of Mr. J. D. Cradock, who was for twelve years Secretary to the Hunt.

Mr. H. Woodward was born in 1883 in Warwickshire, and began hunting at six years of age. A keen sportsman, in a general sense, he is a constant follower of the Quorn. He resides at Westfield, Loughborough.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. H. H. WOODWARD.

THE ATHERSTONE.

THIS Hunt is chiefly in Leicestershire and Warwickshire, but takes in a little of Staffordshire and Derbyshire. It extends twenty-four miles from north to south, and eighteen from east to west, the best centres being Atherstone and Nuneaton. Rugby, Coventry, Lutterworth, and Leicester are good hunting places on the borders.

The Monday country is the Leicester and Market Bosworth district, and is easier than the Rugby or Friday country. Sutton Ambion, a covert that lies by the well where Richard III. drank before Bosworth's fatal field, is the best in this country. Other good meets are Bosworth, Cadeby Gate, Nailstone Whiggs, Lindridge Wood, Redgate, and Caldecote.

Deep clay and stiff fences abound in the Wednesday or Appleby country, and Gopsall, Appleby, and Lullington are good meets.

The Friday country—the Rugby, is the best of all, consisting as it does of grass. In this the favourite meets which attract large fields are—Bromsover, Coton House, Bitteswell, Burbage Wood, and Newnham. "Twelve acres" is one of the best coverts in the whole Hunt.



From a painting by W. Webb, of Tamworth, at Shugborough Park.

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LORD ANSON'S HOUNDS (1827).

The scene depicted in the illustration is near Atherstone, looking towards Leicestershire, with Barden Hill in the distance, Mansetta Church and the spire of Witherley Church in the middle distance. The portraits (from left to right) are:—1, Earl Howe; 2, Lord Alvanley; 3, J. Newdigate; 4, D. S. Dugdale; 5, C. B. Boulton; 6, Viscount Anson; 7, Hon. Henry Anson; 8, W. Applethwaite; 9, J. G. Norbury; 10, Captain the Hon. George Anson; 11, William Coke. The hounds and horses were all painted from life.

The Saturday or Birmingham country on the south-west is the worst. The fences are "hairy," the fields small, and rough plough; many collieries make bad going. Kingsbury, Merevale, Camp Hill, Arbury, Packington, and Marstoke are the chief meets. Hartshill Hayes is a good covert well cared for by Mr. R. Alken, once a regular follower of the Atherstone, of whom *Brooksby* said in 1882, that he had done more than anyone else to keep the country together.

In 1849, "Gelert" (*A Guide to the Foxhounds of England*) gives as favourite fixtures—Churchover, Three Pots, Cadeby Gate, Orton-on-the-Hill, Newbold Gate, and the kennels.

We must distinguish the period before 1815, in which year the Hunt was first called the Atherstone. The country hunted prior to that date included that now belonging to the Atherstone, Meynell, and South Staffordshire.



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THE ATHERSTONE (1901).

Cecil (*Records of the Chase*) gives the Marquess of Donegall as first Master of this vast country, extending over four counties. He had kennels at Fisherwick and Atherstone, and gave his name to a road leading to Sutton Park. He died in 1799. Then came Lord Talbot of Ingestre, who carried it on until 1793, and Lord Vernon, of Sudbury, Derbyshire, who hunted part of the present Meynell and the Gopsall country from 1793 to 1815.

It is said that Mr. Harry Vernon, of Hilton, a great dandy, who wore ear-rings, and went well, "particularly so, if you believe all he told you," as "Nimrod" says, hunted a portion of the present Atherstone in 1770. Lord Vernon's servants and followers wore orange coats. He hunted in the neighbourhood of Lichfield, Cannock Chase, Hopwas Hayes, and Gopsall, where he had kennels as well as at Sudbury. He stayed alternate periods of six weeks at Gopsall to hunt that portion.

The meets were first advertised in 1808. Sam Lawley was huntsman, and W. Lawley and Jackson whips. In 1804-05, Sir R. Puleston hunted part of the Atherstone country, Gopsall to Burbage, in Leicestershire, and Kingsbury, Weddington, and Middleton, in Warwickshire, besides a lot of South Staffordshire. He no doubt had an understanding with Lord Vernon. In his later years his great hound was Dromio. The Rev. and Hon. G. Talbot for years acted as Master, though Lord Vernon, from whom he had five hundred a year for expenses, was the nominal M.F.H. Like most in those dark days, he was a "once-a-week" parson, forgetful of his daily "office." After his Sunday duty he rode to Gopsall to be ready for hunting on the Monday, when his hounds were in Leicestershire. He would never allow a curb bridle in his stable.

In the first week in November, 1812, Lord Vernon's hounds went out for the last time under their reverend Master. That good old sportsman, who loved hunting perhaps not wisely, but too well, was killed on his opening day at Sutton Chainell, near Bosworth.

"In the heat of that chase, which he loved so well."

Of the sixty couples of hounds, Lord Vernon sold fifty, retaining ten, and with these and some which he bought, his son-in-law, Mr. Harbord, carried on the Hunt in the Sudbury country only for that season. From 1812 to 1815 the Warwickshire subscription hounds under Colonel Cook hunted the Gopsall country and part of the Warwickshire Woodlands (Middleton, Sutton Park, and Chelmsley), and part of Staffordshire (Thorpe and Hints), the kennels being at Cliff, Kingsbury.

In 1815-17, Mr. Osbaldeston took the country, establishing kennels at Witherley and at Wychmour, lying between Burton and Lichfield. He gave it the name of the Atherstone, and surrendered the Sudbury country to Mr. Meynell to form part of the Hoar Cross in 1816. Mr. Osbaldeston made the Atherstone famous, and his mother assisted him in entertaining. He hunted his hounds himself, his whips being Tom Sebright, afterwards the great huntsman of the Fitzwilliam, and Dick Burton.

Sir Bellingham Graham succeeded him (1817-20). He hunted the Atherstone five days a week himself, and showed great sport with Kit Atkinson to help him. The latter was a good horseman, who could "make" hunters.

Among his great runs was one on November 15th, 1817. They met at Odstone, and finding there, ran by Nailstone Whiggs to Charnwood Forest in forty minutes at a great pace. At Charnwood they put up a fresh fox, which they ran to earth at Bradgate, dug out, and killed after a run of over two hours, the first hour being fast. The Master's first horse, Exeter, died from the effects of this run. Sir Bellingham was a great digger, and on March 5th, 1818, after running a fox nearly three hours to ground, he dug for three more, but in vain. On April 13th, 1818, they met at Hopwas, and ran by Fisherwick, Black Slough, and Long Green in a circle, losing their fox near Lichfield in an hour and three-quarters. On October 29th, 1818, they ran from the Leys over the canal by the collieries to Ward's Bough, Sheriff Hales and Woodcot in a ring to Sheriff Hales Wood and Abbey Wood, and killed in two hours and ten minutes.

Lord Anson, afterwards Earl of Lichfield (1820-30), was his own huntsman, and a great success, attracting many visitors. He not only hunted what is now the Atherstone country, but also portions of the Warwickshire, Meynell, South Stafford, and North Stafford countries. He kept the hounds at his seat, Shugborough, near Stafford (about twenty-five miles from Atherstone), from April to October in each year, and moved them to Witherley, near Atherstone, for the winter months. The Hunt was

called "Lord Anson's Hunt," and was carried on without any subscription. Lord Anson gave up the hounds on being appointed Master of the King's Buckhounds.

Sir John Gerard (1830-31), hunted the country splendidly without a subscription, but, as his own huntsman, was not so good.

Mr. Applethwaite (1831-42) had Thurlow for huntsman. We are told by the polite chroniclers that he did not take much part in the Hunt in the field, but "presided over all with the kind and placid demeanour of a country gentleman." (Cecil.) In 1841, he had a great run from Wharton to Thorpe, Shullington, Atherstone, Ratcliffe, Sibson Woods, Bosworth, with a kill in the open in 3 hours 10 minutes. He first received subscriptions.

Mr. Colville ruled from 1842 to 1847, and was succeeded by one of the greatest modern Masters of Hounds, Colonel Anstruther Thomson (1847-49) (*vide* Fife). On January 1st, 1849, he had a great run from Willoughby Gorse. Mr. Wilson followed for a season (1849-50), and Colonel Thomson for a second period (1850-55). The best run of this period is as follows: when they were drawing Appleby Grove, the terriers bolted a fox from an open earth, and it ran to Elford, crossed the Tame, and after going three miles beyond, turned back and ran to the river, which it attempted to cross. But the hounds had got a view, and swimming after it, killed on an eyot and ate it, being out of the huntsman's reach. From Appleby to Elford is seven miles straight, and after that they ran three out and three back to the river, thirteen in all, and quite sixteen miles as hounds ran. They ran the first portion to Elford without a check.

Mr. Selby Lowndes was Master 1855-59 (for whom see Whaddon Chase) and then Viscount Curzon, 1859-70. He was very popular with everyone, especially the farmers, and used to drop in and take a cup of tea with their wives at any time. In 1870, owing to an unfortunate dispute, Lord Curzon resigned, and Captain Thomson and Mr. Oakeley became Joint-Masters. Captain Thomson took the chief part in the field, while Mr. Oakeley, of Cliff House, paid the greater part of the expenses beyond the subscriptions. Captain Thomson was his own huntsman, but only stayed for a year, Mr. Oakeley remaining alone until 1891. When Mr. Oakeley succeeded Lord Curzon, *Baily* (February, 1870) said of him, "We doubt if a better man as a Master of Hounds could be found in England." Not only was he a thorough sports-

man, but he had a kind and courteous manner, which made him popular with all classes, so that his career as Master justified *Baily's* estimate. His huntsman, G. Castleman, was originally a jockey. He was a first-rate horseman, and became a good houndman under his Master's tuition.

On the opening day, November, 1880, an immense field met at Bosworth Park and ran to the Ambion; headed back at the road, he ran back to Ambion, and down to Shenton Station, where he hid in the booking office, and was driven out and soon killed. Then they found in Kirkby Wood, and ran to Cadeby Gate, Kirkby Hall, Stapleton, Wykin, Barwell, back to Wykin, Hinckley Cemetery, Higham-on-the-Hill, and the canal, where it is supposed he was drowned. Castleman, the whip, and three others only were up at the end.

On January 5th, 1883, they met at Shilton Station, and from Wolvey Gorse ran fast straight to Ryeton Grange, where he was headed, and ran back to Ryeton village, and then by Bramcote to Burton Hastings, and over the canal to Burton Hastings, through Attleborough Gorse, where they had the first check. Then the fox ran by Nuneaton and Waddington to ground near Lindley in one hour. On Friday, December 21st, 1883, they ran about twenty miles from end to end over their best country, and killed the fox in the open.

Another of his great runs was from Meriden Shafts to Preston Bagot, with a kill in the open. This is fifteen miles straight, and quite twenty as hounds ran, in 2 hours 10 minutes.



MR. SELBY LOWNDES.

A picture of a meet of the Atherstone at Coton House, painted by Lucas and Hart in 1883, contains a hundred portraits. From this we see that some of the well-known followers then were the Earl of Denbigh, Mr. C. N. Newdegate, Captain Riddell, Mr. Muntz, Mr. H. Wood, Mr. A. de Trafford, General Tower, Captain Sapte, Mr. W. N. Heysham, Mr. Catterns, Mr. John Darby, and Mr. John Pye. We may add the Hon. E. Pierrepont, Major Jary, Mr. Wollaston, Mr. Hazelhurst, Captain Barwell, the Hon. and Rev. A. Byron, Miss Hesketh, Mr. and Mrs. Cunliffe-Shaw, Mr. A. Arkwright, Mr. R. G. Stainton, Mr. T. Gilbert, and others.

Mr. Oakeley's best horses were The Bald-faced Stag and Icicle. Many he bred himself, and the rest he bought from the farmers. When he announced his resignation a petition asking him to stay on was signed by a thousand farmers, but in vain. He was presented with a silver statuette of himself on Icicle. Mr. Inge, of Thorby Constantine, who married Miss Oakeley, stayed for four seasons (1891-95), and then was succeeded by Mr. G. Hardy, of Lord Cranbrooke's family, who was followed by Mr. J. C. Munro.

Other red-letter days with the Atherstone may be recorded. On February 2nd, 1883, meeting at Frowlesworth on a very wet morning, they drew Dutton Bassett, and finding near Mr. Hopkins' house, ran over a beautiful line of grass by Ashby Parva, Ullesthorpe, Bitteswell, Willey, Wibtoft, to Copston Gorse, then turning left by Cloudesley Bush and Wolsey Fields to Anstey. Up to this they had run at a great pace for an hour and a-half. Here hounds got away from the field, who were stopped by an iron fence, and they were not caught up till they had reached Coalpit Lane, where they turned and ran to Wibtoft, and by Willey to Newnham, where they killed him in a stick heap after running for 2 hours 20 minutes. In February, 1885, they met at Smockington Gate, and finding in Copston Gorse, ran by Hogshall over the best Leicestershire country from Smockington by Burbage, and killed in the open near Sopcote, after a glorious fifty-five minutes at steeplechase pace without a check.

Mr. Munro, a sporting Scotsman, was known to the writer years ago as one of the best men with the Linlithgow and Stirlingshire Hounds. He resigned at the end of the season 1907-08, and was succeeded by the Earl of Huntingdon.

The Grahams of Norton Conyers, the Grahams of Esk, and Grahams of Netherby are descended from a common ancestor—Sir Richard Graham, created a baronet in 1629. Our subject, SIR BELLINGHAM REGINALD GRAHAM, of Norton Conyers, the seventh Baronet, who was born on November 3rd, 1789, was twice married, and died on June 15th, 1866.

Beloved as was Sir Bellingham by sportsmen of his day, the lament of "Nimrod" that he did not confine his experiences to one country may be echoed by ourselves, as the question arises where to attach him. Beginning his career as successor to Mr. Musters in the Badsworth country, he came to the Atherstone on the departure of Mr. Osbaldeston (another bird of passage, by the way) for the Quorn. Subsequently we find him figuring with the Pytchley, Shifnal (now the Albrighton), Hambleton, and Shropshire. This was, perhaps, in the style of his day, but it was disconcerting.

Perhaps we ought to attach him to the Atherstone because he managed the affairs of the Hunt in first-rate style upon his accession to office, and during the three years he retained it. A fine horseman, it was said that he owned the best collection of big hunters ever got together, in which particular he had only one possible rival—Lord Sefton. Sir Bellingham was

Sir B.
Graham
Bt.
—Master,
1817-20.



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SIR B. GRAHAM.

Sir B.
Graham.

a very heavy man in the saddle, and, as he rode all the way, cattle quite out of the ordinary were required to accommodate him. With such a flying pack as the Quorn, indeed, it was said that he was never away from his hounds. This style of "Be with them I will!" led to the worst accident during his career, which occurred, with the Quorn, by the way, on Boxing Day, 1822. He rode at an ox-fence, or another account says a gate. Whatever the obstacle, however, he went too close to a post, which his horse striking, both came down, while another rider, falling at the obstacle, came upon Sir Bellingham. For twenty-four hours he was insensible, during which period he was bled three times, after the manner of his day. Confined five days to his bed, he insisted upon going out in a phaeton on the seventh to see his hounds. While there he called for a horse, and actually took charge of the pack, but was taken off exhausted.

Upon a celebrated cat-footed horse, called Cock Robin, he once slipped his field and got clear of covert by jumping in and out of some double rails, between which there was barely room to squeeze. With such a start, of course they never got near him.

Sir Bellingham shares with Mr. Osbaldeston the honour of having figured as Master of both Quorn and Pytchley, although his terms of office were far shorter than those of the somewhat hard-mouthed "Squire."

Viscount
Anson
—Master,
1820-30.

THOMAS WILLIAM, VISCOUNT ANSON AND BARON SOBERTON, afterwards FIRST EARL OF LICHFIELD, was descended from a sister of Admiral Lord Anson. Born on August 20th, 1795, he succeeded his father, the first Viscount, in 1818. During his Mastership there was an extraordinary run on February 13th, 1825. This occurred from the Deepdale Covert, which now belongs to the Warwickshire, and created such excitement at the time that it was celebrated in heroic verse by a sporting divine. It is too long to reproduce here, but wound up with the following lines:—

"Many thanks let us give to the Staffordshire peer
Whose pack has this day left us all in the rear;
May his sport be as good as its hitherto been;
May he see as good runs as he's hitherto seen;
And before many years have passed over his head
He'll beat all the world both in science and speed."

We quote these lines because they were prophetic, and show the parson to have been a good judge. Let "Nimrod" take up the theme:—"When I first knew Lord Anson in the field, I thought, with many others no doubt, that he went a-hunting merely because other people went a-hunting, little suspecting that he would have filled the situation he now does—a Master of Foxhounds, hunting them himself, and thus—I write, perhaps, as an enthusiast—being an honour to his country. At the time I am speaking of he was a very indifferent horseman, displaying but a very small share of nerve; but we must never judge from first appearances, and we should never judge rashly. There is a certain string which, when properly struck, the human heart seldom fails to respond to, and this was the case here. Lord Anson was fond of hounds; his fondness for hounds has, much to his credit, made him a sportsman; his fondness for hounds has made him one of the best and hardest riders of the present day." These words were written by the pompous but keen observer some four or five years after Lord Anson had succeeded Sir Bellingham Graham as Master of the Atherstone. History records that there was another grand run also from the Debdale (or Dibdell) Covert. In it a Mr. Kingscote rode a horse blind of one eye. Upon the occasion in question he unfortunately could not see out of the other. The rider was apprized of the fact by his good horse giving him a fall about every third fence, so contrary to his usual practice. He found, however, that the horse could only distinguish upright objects, consequently all ditches on the near side beat him. Mr. Kingscote must have been a "game 'un," as throughout a terribly fast run he had eleven bad falls before they ran into their fox. Lord Anson afterwards stated he had



From a painting at Shugborough Park.
LORD ANSON.

changed his horse in the middle of it, because in his opinion no one horse could have carried a man with the hounds to the end. Our subject, the first Earl of Lichfield, died on March 18th, 1851.

Viscount
Anson.

Successor to Mr. Selby Lowndes as Master to the Atherstone, Lord Curzon was the eldest son of Earl Howe, the descendant of the fighting Admiral. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church. Of a noted family in Leicestershire, the late Viscount, who afterwards became Earl Howe, represented South Leicestershire in Parliament for many years. Accepting the Mastership of the Atherstone, he, as a successor to such Masters as Mr. Osbaldeston, Sir Bellingham Graham, Mr. Anstruther Thomson, Lord Anson, and Mr. Selby Lowndes, was submitting to be tried highly. He had to build kennels and stables and find hounds as well as horses. This he did by draft from Mr. Meynell Ingram, the South Wilts, and North Warwickshire. It was done in no niggardly style, and as Lord Curzon's popularity was unbounded, the tenant farmers and followers of the Hunt worked with a will to get matters in good order. Lord Curzon, by having the kennels overhauled, eradicated kennel lameness from the pack. With a stud of twenty-three hunters of clean breed he managed to keep in touch with his hounds, and without being a bruiser always rode straight. Although related to the Duchess of Beaufort, the Countess of Westmorland, and other notable racing families, he had no great predilection for the Turf.

Viscount
Curzon
—Master,
1859-70.



VISCOUNT CURZON.

A grandson of Sir Charles Oakeley, WILLIAM EDWARD OAKELEY was born in 1828, and educated at Eton and Oxford. Entered early to the noble science by his stepfather, Mr. Pole Shawe, then Master of the South Staffordshire, that gentleman and his henchman, Joe Maiden, saw that the boy's education at the covert side was not neglected. Thus when he went up to Oxford he knew enough not to trouble his mind much about following the Drag, but attended sedulously to the packs within hail of the University. Always well mounted, he and his friend, Mr. Fulbert Archer, were noted for the quietness of their dress in a day when excess in that particular was notorious; also for their strict attention to hunting and the mysteries thereof.

Mr. W. E.
Oakeley
—Master,
1871-91.

Mr. Oakeley was resident in the Atherstone country for some time before he became Master of the pack, going there soon after his friend Mr. (afterwards Colonel) Anstruther Thomson accepted the direction of affairs. He was, however, a power in the field before the Colonel resigned owing to the ill-health of his family. Mr. Oakeley had, in fact, accepted the rôle of Deputy-Master. Always riding like a sportsman, his example often prevented the too impetuous from wanting the hounds all to themselves. It was said of him that he had a happy combination of the *fortiter* and *suaviter* in his composition which, added to his keenness, made him always respected. It was said, too, that he had too much to do upon his Welsh estates at Tan-y-bwlch to fully attend to the early part of the Leicestershire season. However this may have been, he preferred the legitimate season to cubbing. Taking that able Hunt servant, Jem Baily, as his premier in command, he, as a matter of course, showed sport. He belonged to the old school of sportsmen, and we know included the best side of the new. His hunting experiences extended to most of the principal packs in the kingdom. He bred most of his own hunters, and owned a number of racehorses, most of which he sold with the exception of one or two—St. Julien



MR. W. E. OAKELEY.

won some eighteen races, also a horse by Royal Hampton out of a Bend Or mare. Mr. Oakeley married in 1860 the Hon. Mary Russell, daughter of Lady de Clifford and Captain John

**Mr. W. E.
Oakeley.**

Russell, R.N. The Captain was a son of that Lord William Russell who, before the Captain's day, kept the Warwickshire Hounds. Mrs. Oakeley was a most accomplished horsewoman, and her taste in art was exemplified by many beautiful carvings which adorned their homes at Tan-y-bwlch, and Cliff House, Atherstone. A J.P., D.L. and C.C. for Merionethshire, Mr. Oakeley was High Sheriff in 1874.

**Mr. J. C.
Munro
—Master,
1903-08.**

Entered to foxhunting when but seven years of age, the occasion being a meet of the Lanark and Renfrewshire in 1866 at Edlewood Toll, Mr. JOHN CULCARN MUNRO, who was born April 22nd, 1859, was educated in a preliminary sense at a private school in Bothwell, and finished his studies at Edinburgh University. Mr. Munro saw sport with Sir Norman Lockhart's Harriers, the Duke of Buccleuch's and Lord Eglinton's Foxhounds and various Border packs, making in all a wide experience. Taking up his residence in Midlothian in 1877, he followed the Linlithgow and Stirling for many seasons. At that period the country, a good scenting one, being well stocked with foxes, furnished grand hunting, but the coal and iron mines have since spoiled much of the territory.

Migrating to North Wales in 1887, Mr. Munro hunted extensively for five seasons, principally with Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn's and the Flint and Denbigh. He speaks of his experiences in the fine wild country, with its straight-necked foxes, as among the most interesting and enjoyable which have fallen to his lot. During his residence in the principality, he received his commission in the Montgomeryshire Yeomanry, in which regiment, he, rising to the rank of captain, had command of the Newtown Squadron and served with his troop for nine years. In 1892 he went north again to take up the Mastership of the West Fife, which he held for two seasons only, being then offered and accepting the direction of the East Sussex, a country, by the way, well supplied with fine wild foxes. The year 1899 saw him leaving the East Sussex—where he had shown his fields plenty of sport—to take over the Albrighton. This being a great shooting district, the followers of both fox and pheasant had to be provided for. It speaks much for the personal popularity and tact of Mr. Munro when we say that in this he was entirely successful, being on the best of terms with covert owners and farmers alike, the last-named he describes very warmly as a most thoroughly sporting class. Mr. Munro's next move in Mastership was possibly the most important of all, when, in 1903, he succeeded Mr. Gerald Hardy as Master of the Atherstone, a pack with which he gave ever increasing satisfaction. He resigned in 1908. Up to the time of his accepting office with this noted pack, he had always carried the horn himself, but upon this occasion he relegated the duty to George Whitemore. Having during his wide experience given much attention to hound breeding, although he is fond of a level good-looking lot of hounds, he always, of course, insists upon working qualities as of primary importance. Earlier in his career Mr. Munro rode in point-to-point events and between the flags. One of his days to be "marked with a white stone" was at Oatridge, near Edinburgh, in 1881. He had mounts in five steeplechases, winning three and being second and third in the other two. About the same time he rode in two genuine point-to-point events, both over five miles of unflagged country, and won both of them. As a breeder of hunters he has been very successful, many in his stable being of his own breeding. With steeplechasers he has also had his share of good fortune, one of his best, a mare, Dutch Senora, winning five out of eight events she ran in, having, unfortunately, to be turned out of training owing to an accident. Although neither a shooting man or angler, he is a first-class whip, spending a good deal of time on the box. His interest in the art will be better conveyed perhaps when we mention the fact that all his teams are broken and put together by himself.

**The Earl of
Huntingdon
—present
Master.**

Of ancient lineage is the Hastings family, which came over with William the Conqueror. John of Hastings was Seneschal of Aquitaine and a claimant to the Scottish throne. Sir William Hastings became Master of the Mints in London and Calais, *temp.* Edward IV., and to him we owe the first coinage of the noble, now obsolete. This, the first baron, became such a power in the land that Richard, Duke of Gloucester, had him beheaded. The third baron, who was present at the capture of Terouenne and Tournay in 1513, so distinguished himself in the French wars of Henry VIII. that he was created first Earl of Huntingdon, 1529. His son, Francis, K.G., P.C., was Commander-in-

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M^r C. Atherton Brown.

Chief of the Army, Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, Leicester, and Warwick, and Master of the Queen's Hart Hounds.

**Earl of
Huntingdon**

WARNER FRANCIS JOHN PLANTAGENET HASTINGS, 11th EARL OF HUNTINGDON, was born on July 8th, 1868, and succeeded his father in 1885. He is the third Earl in precedence of the realm. He was blooded at the age of three with the "H.H.," a pack then hunted by his father, in Waterford, and this event was the beginning of an association with the noble science which now knows him as a master hand. "Reared in the kennels," to use his own happy phrase, he owned and hunted a pack of beagles when in his teens, thus following in the footsteps of his illustrious father, who commenced at an equally early age with a pack of harriers at Whitechurch, in their native county of Waterford.

In 1886 the subject of these few notes also kept a pack of harriers, a splendid initiation to the higher grade, foxhunting, and in 1897 he was requested to take over the Ormond, which he agreed to do, carrying the horn himself, and gave the greatest satisfaction to his fields, being also a prime favourite with the farmers and owners of the land; he continued until 1901.

And here we must relate a fact which appears to us to be unique in the history of our great sport. When the Earl took over the direction of the Ormond, he continued to hunt his harrier pack. Added to this, during the season 1900-01 he also hunted the East Galway twice a week, bringing the hounds over from the family seat, Sharavogue, by van, and upon occasion hacked home some fifty miles after the day's sport.

In 1903, Lieut.-Colonel Harrison undertook the Deputy-Mastership for him in the Ormond country, so this indefatigable sportsman came over and acted as huntsman to the North Staffordshire, Messrs. Phillips and Dobson being then Masters. The following season, so great was the satisfaction he had given, he was requested to take over the direction of affairs, which he did, and continued to carry them on with distinguished ability and success until the end of the season, 1906-07. When an opportunity to take the Mastership of the Atherstone occurred, in 1908, he took over the command. What his fate in connection therewith may be is, at the time of writing, still in the bosom of the future; but the past goes to prove that the honour of the pack is safe in the hands of one who has carried the horn with beagles, harriers, and foxhounds for over thirty years, and has hunted with no less than sixty packs in his time.

A travelled man, lover of yachting, and Commodore of the Lough Derg Corinthian Club, a keen motorist, he has kept racehorses, and won on Sailor at Croxton Park, in a field of sixteen. Lady Huntingdon is a lover of hunting and a good horsewoman, and one of his brothers is that fine rider, the Hon. Aubrey Hastings, who won the Grand National of 1906 on Asceatic's Silver.

The secretarial duties of the Atherstone are in the hands of CAPTAIN HARRY L. TOWNSHEND, of Caldecote, Nuneaton.

**Capt. H. L.
Townshend
—Hon. Sec.**

OF MR. CHARLES ATHERTON-BROWN it may be said that his life has been devoted to sport. Born in June, 1854, he was educated privately. A fine cricketer from boyhood, he subsequently played for Sussex, and, one of the fastest bowlers in England, was known among his friends as "The Southern Express."

**Mr. C.
Atherton-
Brown.**

His earliest hunting experiences were, as a lad, with the Duke of Buccleuch's. The motto of the ducal arms is "Amo," and following the pack would seem to have inspired a love of hunting in Mr. Atherton-Brown difficult to satiate, as the packs with which he subsequently saw sport are really too numerous to record at length. He considers, however, that the best runs enjoyed by him, before coming to the Atherstone country, were with the Belvoir. Turning his attention to the Atherstone



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THE EARL OF HUNTINGDON.

**Mr. C.
Atherton-
Brown.**

in 1889, Mr. Atherton-Brown is now one of the best-known figures in the field, having hunted with the pack almost exclusively since that year.

As a Turfite, both in connection with racing under the rules of racing and sport over obstacles, Mr. Atherton-Brown is as well, if not better, known than he is in hunting circles. Roughside won the Chester Cup for him in 1900, Tod Sloan in the saddle. Barsac, by Barcaldine—Stillwater, a famous steeplechaser, also his property, established a unique record that no other horse ever gained, having gone over the Liverpool course eleven times without a fall; he ran second to Ambush II. when the King's chaser won the Grand National. In 1899, although he won once only (the Surrey Steeplechase at Gatwick), he was unplaced on but one occasion out of eight attempts. In the following year he had equally tantalizing luck—five places in eight races; in 1901 he won the Great Warwickshire Handicap, and was also twice placed. Among his well-known flat racers, Quidunc and Tours not only won under the rules of racing, but were successful hurdlers. Mr. Atherton-Brown has still a string in training under the care of Mr. Davies.

His two sons, Harry and Frank, are worthy sons of such a father, and well known in the Atherstone country. The elder, Harry, has ridden his father's and his own horses successfully in several steeplechases and point-to-point races, and has already performed the hat-trick, winning three consecutive steeplechases in one day, while Frank, although only sixteen, has already ridden in three steeplechases. Both of Mr. Atherton-Brown's boys promise to be excellent horsemen—seats, hands, and weights leaving nothing to be desired. Mrs. Atherton-Brown is a keen sportswoman and rider to hounds.

In conjunction with Mr. J. C. Munro, late Master of the Atherstone, Mr. Atherton-Brown was instrumental in bringing about an annual race meeting at Attleborough, Nuneaton; it takes place immediately after the Grand National has been decided.

A member of White's, Windham, and the Orleans Clubs, he resides at Oakfield, Atherstone.

**Mr. G.
Bayley-
Worthing-
ton.**

MR. GIBBOX BAYLEY-WORTHINGTON, J.P., was born on July 25th, 1836, and is the son of the late Mr. William Bayley, J.P., of Stalybridge, Cheshire; he assumed the name of Worthington, under the will of his cousin, in 1863. In 1868 he married Marianne, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Henry Brocklehurst, J.P., of Foden Bank, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

He first commenced hunting, at the age of twenty years, with the Ashton pack of harriers, which he followed for five seasons, then with the Cheshire Foxhounds and Lyme Harriers for something like twenty seasons, occasionally visiting other packs. On taking up his residence at Town Thorns, Rugby, he became a member of the Atherstone Hunt, and a member of the Atherstone Hunt Club in the year 1898. For the last ten years he has also hunted with and subscribed to the North Warwickshire and Pytchley Hounds.

He is a member of the Windham and Cavalry Clubs, and of the Union Club, Manchester.

He lives at Town Thorns, Rugby, and possesses Sharston Hall, Cheshire, and 8, Balfour Place, Park Lane, London.



LIEUT.-COLONEL R. J. BEECH.

**Lt.-Col.
R. J.
Beech.**

LIEUT.-COLONEL ROWLAND JOHN BEECH, J.P., D.L., commanding the Warwickshire Yeomanry, is a son of the late Mr. James Beech, J.P., D.L., of The Shawe, Cheadle, Staffordshire, and Brandon Hall, Coventry. He was born on November 15th, 1853, educated at Harrow, and Christ Church, Oxford, and joined the 15th Lancers

in 1875. Three years later he was transferred to the 2nd Life Guards, with whom he served till 1886. Colonel Beech saw service in Egypt in 1884-85, and was wounded at Abu Klea, and at the end of the Boer War commanded a battalion of Imperial Yeomanry at Aldershot. He was on Lord Dundonald's staff when commanding the forces in Canada.



Mr. C. L. Atherton Brown.



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When only six years old he had his first day with the Atherstone, which he subsequently followed when at home, also visiting numerous other packs. Pop, a 16.1 horse by King John, who carried him for seventeen seasons, was a favourite mount of his, and Grafton, 16.2, three parts bred, very fast and a magnificent jumper, whom he rode for twelve seasons, was another favourite. Colonel Beech has for some time past bred shorthorns and Jerseys, and he is now taking to breeding hunters.

Lt.-Col. R.
J. Beech.

In 1881 he ran second to Captain Bay Middleton in the Pytchley Heavy-Weight Point-to-Point. He has played a good deal of polo; he was No. 3 in the winning team in the Warwickshire Polo Handicap in 1900, and No. 2 in the winning team of the Abergavenny Tournament in 1891, and No. 2 in the winning team of 1895 in the Rugby Handicap Polo Tournament. He is fond of shooting, fishing, and cricket, is a member of the I Zingari, M.C.C., Hurlingham, and Ranelagh, the Carlton, Arthur's, Bachelors', Pratt's, and the Naval and Military Clubs, and lives at Brandon Hall, Coventry. He is also the owner of The Shawe, Cheadle, Staffordshire, and of 71, Cadogan Square.

One of the oldest hunting members of the Atherstone Hunt is Mr. JOHN KEMP BOURNE, who has been a continual subscriber to the Hunt, and has followed the pack almost without interruption for the past forty-five years.

Mr. J. K.
Bourne.

It was as far back as 1862 that Mr. Bourne began his connection with the Atherstone, and his exclusive allegiance to this pack is an instance of the old-world conservatism of the hunting man - a rare quality in these days. Mr. Bourne has five sons and two daughters, who are all fond of the chase. His eldest son is a good golfer, and his second son, Captain W. K. Bourne, 2nd Lancers (Gardner's Horse), I.A., is a keen polo player. Mr. Bourne takes his share in looking after the wire and the general interests of the country. He is a J.P. for the county of Warwick, and an Alderman of the Warwickshire County Council. Naturally, he has had his share of falls, his worst one being fourteen years ago, when he had to lie on his back for seven weeks, and was on crutches for six

months. This year he escaped what might have been a serious fall owing to the sagacity of his horse. Hounds were running from the Barnacles; after jumping the boundary fence between two farms, he galloped for what he took to be an open gateway. He suddenly felt his horse gathering himself together, and on looking down, he found he was jumping two strands of barbed wire, which the farmer had put across the gateway in lieu of a gate; the top wire was nailed from the top of the gate-posts, and the other one lower down. Mr. Bourne feels that he owes much to the horse he was riding.



CAPTAIN H. J. BUNBURY.

CAPTAIN HAMILTON JOSEPH BUNBURY (late 4th Highland Light Infantry) was born on February 14th, 1866, and is the son of the late Captain Philip Mill Bunbury (7th Dragoon Guards), of Slindon, near Arundel, Sussex. He was educated at Downside College, Bath.

Capt. H. J.
Bunbury.

It was with the Goodwood, and the Crawley and Horsham Foxhounds that he first started hunting, following them for upwards of ten years. When in Ireland he hunted with the Meath and the Kildare packs, and since 1899 he has been a regular follower of the Atherstone, and occasionally hunts with the Pytchley. Of the many fine hunters Captain Bunbury has possessed, preference must be given to Fortune II., winner of the Atherstone Hunt Cup in 1905, and again in 1906, and Red Mist, who ran a dead-heat for the Rugby Hunt Cup in 1908. He has taken part in many point-to-point races, and has done much deer-shooting and fishing in Canada. He is a member of Boodle's and Wellington Clubs, and lives at Nunhold Grange, Warwick, and owns Cranavonane, county Carlow.

Mr. J. Daulman.

Born in 1840 at Chilvers Coton, where his father and grandfather first saw the light, Mr. JOHN DAULMAN is a tenant farmer on the estate of Mr. F. A. Newdegate.

A lover of horse and hound from his youth up, he is one of the oldest hunting men in Warwickshire, and has had much experience in the field. He has been a regular follower of the Atherstone since he was thirteen years old.

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MR. J. DAULMAN.

The Earl of Denbigh.

THE EARL OF DENBIGH, VISCOUNT FEILDING AND BARON FEILDING, late Captain Royal Artillery, Lieut.-Colonel Commanding Honourable Artillery Company, was born on May 26th, 1859, and succeeded on March 10th, 1892.

The son of the late Rudolph William Basil, eighth Earl, he married the Hon. Cecilia Mary Clifford, fourth daughter of Charles Hugh, eighth Lord Clifford, on September 24th, 1884.

He commenced hunting with the Atherstone as a lad of ten years of age, and has followed them regularly ever since, with the exception of a couple of seasons (1877-78), when he was on Lord Londonderry's staff, hunting with the Meath and Kildare, and occasional visits to the Pytchley, North Warwickshire, Warwickshire, and Mr. Fernie's. He is a keen fox preserver, and the Newnham coverts constitute the stronghold of the Friday country. He has taken part in some of the Atherstone Hunt Point-to-Point Races, and has played polo in England, Ireland, and India, and in the latter country had some pig-sticking, and markhor and ibex shooting in Cashmir.

He is a member of the Carlton, Naval and Military, Beefsteak, Bath, and the Flyfishers' Clubs; he lives at Newnham Paddox, near Lutterworth, Leicestershire, and has an estate in Flintshire, Downing, near Holywell, North Wales, generally let.

Lady Denbigh and her daughters, the Ladies Feilding, are well-known figures in the Atherstone Hunt. His sons, Viscount Feilding (Coldstream Guards) and the Hon. Hugh Cecil Robert Feilding, R.N., are both hard riders and very keen sportsmen.

Mr. V. Eyre.

MR. VINCENT EYRE, son of the late Captain Vincent Eyre, formerly of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, was born on November 17th, 1880. After completing his education privately he studied for the Army, eventually joining the 1st Life Guards in 1900, with which regiment he remained till 1907. Since the first-named year he has hunted regularly, when on leave, with the Atherstone, with which pack he first learnt hunting when only six years old.

He has taken part in steeplechases and point-to-point races, and has done a great deal of polo, playing at Ranelagh and Hurlingham. Tubby was the best horse of the many good ones which he has hunted. He is a member of the Marlborough, White's, Boodle's, Bachelors', and National Sporting Clubs, and he has a seat at Lindley Hall, Nuneaton, and rooms at New Bond Street, W.

Mr. S. Fisher.

MR. SYDNEY FISHER, son of Mr. Charles Fisher, was born at Dosthill Hall, near Tamworth, in 1858. He has hunted all his life with the Atherstone Hounds, which have now been bought by the country. One of the best horses in his stable, which he hunted for eighteen years, was Quits, who was twice second in the Atherstone Point-to-Point. Another well-known horse is Mars. He married Annie Louise, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Cecil Van Notten-Pole, 16th Lancers, of Todenham, Gloucestershire, and sister of Sir Percy Van Notten-Pole, Baronet. His three daughters are keen followers of hounds. Mr. Fisher has done a good deal of shooting and fishing, is one of the oldest members of the Hunt Club, owns one cover, and also rents two others. He belongs to the Wellington and Raleigh Clubs, and lives at Amington Hall, Tamworth.

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Captain Edward E. R. Harbord.

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MR. WILLIAM LILLEY GASCOYNE, M.R.C.V.S., of Lutterworth, was born December 5th, 1877, and is the son of Mr. William Gascoyne, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch. He was educated at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Grammar School, and studied for the veterinary profession, taking his degree in 1899. He commenced hunting as a lad of six years of age with the Atherstone Foxhounds, which pack he has since regularly followed, with the exception of four seasons with the Percy Hounds, and an occasional day with Mr. Fernie's and the Pytchley.

Mr. W. L.
Gascoyne.

Few men of his age, thirty-seven years, have managed to crowd more sport into their lives than CAPTAIN EDWARD RALPH HARBORD. Eldest son of the late Hon. Ralph Harbord and nephew of the sixth Baron Suffield, he was born on April 7th, 1870, and educated at Brighton privately.

Early showing a love for sport, hunting in particular, he began as a boy of ten by following the Duke of Beaufort's and Lord Fitzhardinge's. This provided first-class schooling, and whilst residing with a tutor in Sussex he added to his experience by following the Crawley and Horsham, Goodwood, and Lord Leconfield's, afterwards having a season with the Tipperary. Entering the 3rd Cheshire Regiment, in due course he served in the Boer War for two years, was twice mentioned in despatches, and received the D.S.O.

In 1902 he rented a hunting-box at Evesham, from whence he hunted with the North Cotswold, when Mr. McNeill was Master, the Croome, and the Worcestershire. After this he widened his field by following the Oakley, Fitzwilliam, Belvoir, and Cottesmore, and then, taking a place in Bedfordshire, hunted regularly with the Oakley for a period. In 1906, Captain Harbord took up his residence at Grendon Hall, and has followed the Atherstone ever since. In October of the same year he married the eldest daughter of Mr. H. Riley-Smith, of Tadcaster, Yorkshire.

Captain Harbord has no faith in buying his hunters, but having had considerable experience, prefers to train his own horses both for hunting, steeplechasing, and racing on the flat. At Grendon Hall he has laid out a ground for schooling, and has had as many as twenty-five horses at a time there in training for himself and his friends. Among these were Ortygian and McKinnell. The latter carried Captain Harbord to victory in the Open Race at Aylesbury in 1903, and Ortygian won with him the Ruddington Handicap Steeplechase at Nottingham, 1904. He has had numerous flat racers under his control; of these, Piece d'Or, nearly related to Bend Or, after winning at Stockton, was sold by Captain Harbord to Mr. Graham Prentice. An enthusiastic believer in well-bred horses, Captain Harbord is an all-round sportsman, and besides hunting, takes a keen interest in polo and shooting.

He has a residence, Toulston Grange, Tadcaster, but lives mostly at Grendon Hall, Atherstone, and is a member of White's and the St. James's Clubs.

The eldest son of Sir Reginald Hardy, Baronet, of Dmstall Hall, Burton-on-Trent, MR. BERTRAM HARDY was born in July, 1877, and educated at Eton and Cambridge University.

Mr. B.
Hardy.

Blooded by Charles Leedham, huntsman of the Meynell, in boyhood, upon going up to Cambridge



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MR. B. HARDY.

he first whipped in to the Cambridgeshire Harriers, subsequently hunting the pack himself during the seasons of 1889 and 1890. After leaving the University he spent a season in Lord Portman's country, having, too, occasional days with the Blackmore Vale. In 1901 he took up residence at The Briars, Nuneaton, at a time when his uncle, Mr. Gerald Hardy, now Master of the Meynell,

**Mr. B.
Hardy.**

was directing the fortunes of the Atherstone, and hunted with both packs. He has been a regular follower of the Atherstone since that time, with the exception of seasons 1901-05, when he acted as huntsman to the North Cornwall Hounds.

Mrs. Hardy, who is the eldest daughter of the Hon. Sir Edward Chandos Leigh, K.C., and niece of Lord Leigh, of Stoneleigh Abbey, Warwickshire, is an enthusiastic sportsman and keen rider to hounds. Our subject takes an interest in sport generally, polo, shooting, and fishing in particular. He is a member of Arthur's and the Wellington Clubs, and a captain in the Staffordshire Imperial Yeomanry.

**Mr. H. C.
Hartley.**

An all-round good sportsman, Mr. HERBERT CLARKSON HARTLEY is a well-known member of the Atherstone. Having hunted for many years, chiefly in the North of England, he now resides at Kirkby Mallory Hall, Hinckley, in Leicestershire, where his coverts can generally be depended upon as a sure find, and from whence many a good run has started. Taking all manly sports seriously, fashion does not affect his judgment, and his opinion of horse and sporting dogs is in consequence unquestionable. Sport itself is, moreover, thoroughly appreciated only from the enjoyment it affords. With a strong love for horses, he has bred some good hunters from mares which he himself had formerly hunted.

Mr. Hartley is an expert with both rod and gun, but cares little for shooting except over dogs, and in this connection it must be mentioned that he undoubtedly possesses one of the finest kennels of setters in England. He breeds and trains his own dogs, and, needless to say, is one of the greatest living authorities on the subject.

**Mr. A. H.
Heath.**

MR. ARTHUR HOWARD HEATH, J.P., late M.P. for Hanley, Staffordshire, was born on May 29th, 1856, and is the son of the late Mr. Robert Heath, J.P., D.L., of Staffordshire. He was educated at Clifton College and Oxford. He commenced hunting with the North Staffordshire, which he followed for about fifteen seasons. On taking up his residence in the Atherstone country in 1899, he became a member of the Atherstone Hunt (as well as a member of the Atherstone Hunt Club). He is in command of the Staffordshire Yeomanry, is a member of the Carlton Club, and lives at Newbold Revel, Rugby.

Mrs. Inge.

Mrs. INGE, of Thorpe Hall, near Tamworth, the daughter of Mr. W. E. Oakeley, late Master of the Atherstone, has followed these hounds since she was nine years old. Gamecock, on whom Mrs. Inge is shown in the illustration, is her favourite hunter. He is now seventeen years old, and has carried her for twelve seasons without a mistake. Next in



MRS. INGE.



From a painting.

MISS MARGARET INGE.

favour comes Chieftain, who has carried his mistress for ten seasons, and Student. Mrs. Inge, whose husband was formerly Master of the Atherstone from 1891 to 1895, devotes much time to her 500-acre farm, and is a well-known breeder of Shropshire sheep; the Thorpe flock is considered one of the best in the country, having taken prizes at all the principal shows, including victories at The Royal three years in succession. Her herd of pedigree shorthorns is also famous, many of them fetching long prices for export to the

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The Fourth Earl Howe.

Argentine and elsewhere. All her young horses, of which she breeds a fair number, are by Orson, who is by Bend Or—Jessie Agnes. He was given to her by the late Duke of Westminster, and is, as will be seen, blood brother to the mighty Ormonde. Mrs. Inge.

Mrs. Inge has three daughters who are all juvenile aspirants to hunting fame. The eldest, Miss Margaret, now fourteen, and of whom on her pony Dandy we give an illustration, really promises to become an excellent horsewoman.

MR. WALTER ERNEST ISON, F.R.C.V.S., is the son of Mr. William Charles Ison, who was the veterinary surgeon to the Atherstone Hunt from 1860 up to a short time ago, when he went into well-earned retirement. Born at Atherstone, and educated locally, Mr. Walter Ison went to the Royal Veterinary College, Edinburgh, where he took his degrees. Going into practice with Mr. Leach at Newmarket, he subsequently went back to Edinburgh as a professor of his art, but has now returned to Atherstone, where he is at present in practice.

Mr. Ison, senr., was a keen man to hounds, and his son follows in his footsteps. Beginning as a mere boy with the Atherstone, he has hunted almost exclusively with them since, allowing himself a day off with the Quorn occasionally. Although his professional duties engross most of his time, he occasionally finds leisure for other sports, notably shooting. Among the many very useful hunters he has owned, Spats was probably the best. He resides at Atherstone.

Descended from Richard, fourth Viscount Howe, afterwards first Earl, who added so much to the glory of England, as a fighting Admiral, SIR RICHARD GEORGE PENN CURZON HOWE, G.C.V.O., of Langar, Nottinghamshire, Viscount Curzon, Baron Curzon of Penn House, Buckinghamshire, and Baron Howe of Longar, Buckinghamshire; M.P. for the Southern or High Wickham Division of Buckinghamshire, 1885-1900; J.P. Buckinghamshire; Treasurer of H.M. Household, 1896-1900; Lord-in-Waiting to Queen Victoria, 1900-01, and to the King, 1902-03; Lord Chamberlain to Queen Alexandra since 1903; Captain Leicester Imperial Yeomanry; Grand Cross of the Order of the Redeemer of Greece; the Polar Star of Sweden; Charles III. of Spain; the White Eagle of Poland; the Dannebrog of Denmark; St. Olaf of Norway; Grand Cordon of Order of Leopold of Belgium; Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, was born on April 28th, 1861, and succeeded his father as fourth Earl, 1900. He married, on June 4th, 1883, Lady Georgina Elizabeth Spencer Churchill (Lady of Grace of Order of St. John of Jerusalem), fifth daughter of the seventh Duke of Marlborough, K.G.

Gopsall, the Earl's principal seat in Leicestershire (where he, almost needless to say, preserves game and foxes), is not without remarkable associations. These are more especially interesting to the musical world, for it has oft-times welcomed Handel as a great guest, and in the woods which surround the park exist the ruins of a Greek temple, in which it is said the great musician was wont to seek seclusion when writing some of his world-famous compositions.

Johnson, also, is said to have been a visitor here. And the fact that the mansion contains a suite of apartments with Tartan hangings, known as the Stuart Rooms, would seem to point to its having some associations with the Stuarts. At Gopsall, too, the first Earl and Countess Howe frequently entertained Queen Adelaide. There, also, the present Earl and his late Countess had the honour of receiving King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra in 1902, this being the first visit paid by Their Majesties to a country house after their coronation. The park contains a wonderful herd of deer, red and fallow, but the pheasants and partridges, of which there are a great head, interested the Royal Party on the occasion in question. Earl Howe is a fine performer with both rifle and smoothbore, and contributed his share to the large bag made during the shoot.



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MR. W. E. ISON.

Earl
Howe.

Earl Howe. There are, indeed, few important parties in England and Scotland to which he is not invited. Golfing, cricket, and tennis, too, employ much of his leisure. If hunting has, through circumstance, not been followed so eagerly as of yore, he shows his interest in it by supporting the noble science in the most practical manner.

Essentially a man of affairs, he represented South Buckinghamshire in Parliament when only twenty-four years old, and retained his seat until the death of his father raised him to the House of Lords.

The Earl was educated at Eton, where he was a "dry bob," and a member of the Eton Eleven of 1880, and Christ Church, Oxford, where he hunted with the packs within reach; upon leaving the latter centre of learning he put in some time with the Atherstone. In this he was accompanied by his late wife, whom he had the great misfortune to lose on February 9th, 1906.

Any reference to the Earl's connection with sport would, however, be unhappy indeed, were not his late wife included. The Countess, better known in the sporting world as Lady Georgina Curzon, was an enthusiastic lover of field sports, and a most accomplished and dashing rider to hounds; she followed most generally the Quorn and Cottesmore, occasionally having a day with Lord Rothschild's Staghounds. Perhaps her Ladyship was even better known as a whip. She could handle her perfect four as deftly through the circuitous streets of Mayfair, as in the broader carriageways of Hyde Park; throughout Buckinghamshire she was a central figure, and at the Royal South Buckinghamshire Show was the cynosure of all eyes. As a candidate for votes in her husband's cause she was a tower of strength. Her speeches were marked by directness, common sense, flashes of wit, and aptness of illustration, while as the daughter of one cabinet minister, and sister of another, she knew the inner workings of the political world. The finest tandem driver of her day, her article in the Badminton Library on "Driving" is a classic.

Let us, however, briefly revert to another and nobler side of her character. In the autumn of 1899, when the war was at its height in South Africa, she quitted the hunting field, racecourse, and box, for the Committee Room and Secretarial desk to share "the white man's burden." Fight she could not, but work she could and would. In conjunction with Lady Chesham she made an appeal to the country for subscriptions, which was nobly responded to. The total amount collected, with interest accrued, was £146,961 8s. 4d., and, in addition, a subsidy of £3,000 was received from the Government for prolonging the duration of the Field Hospital and Bearer Company. A ladies' Committee was formed, to the chair of which she was appointed, Lord Howe acting as Honorary Secretary. They worked so hard that by March, 1900, a base hospital with six hundred beds, subsequently increased to a thousand, was opened at Deelfontein, with full personnel of doctors, nurses, and equipment from England. She caused one ward in it to be named the Hunt Ward, and in it was placed only those beds, the endowment for which had been provided by Hunts, Harriers, and Race Committees, over each bed being inscribed the name of the Hunt whose subscription had equipped it.

Numerous other hospitals followed, for a full account of which we must, however, refer the reader to her able and comprehensive work in three volumes, "The I.Y.H. in Africa."

Solely to the Countess Howe was due the inauguration of the Mafeking Relief Fund, the subscription to which totalled about £24,000. This sum was transmitted to Mafeking, for the purpose of repairing the shattered fortunes and alleviating the terrible distress occasioned by the siege of that town in 1900.

In recognition of her great services she was made a Lady of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem, but, unfortunately, the immense labour entailed seriously affected her health, and doubtless led to her early death, which evoked the sympathy of both gentle and simple for the Earl in his great bereavement.

A member of the Constitutional, Carlton, Travellers', Bachelors', Turf, and Marlborough Clubs, Earl Howe's London residence is Curzon House, Mayfair, and besides Gopsall, Atherstone, he owns seats in Buckinghamshire and Suffolk.

Mr. T. J. Lilley.

The son of Mr. Thomas Lilley, a man well known in commercial circles, Mr. TOM JOHN LILLEY, of that famous old hunting hotel in the Atherstone country, "The Newdegate Arms," was born in



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July, 1861, at Nuncaton, and educated privately. Mr. Lilley began hunting when he bought the hotel in 1897, and although this would appear at first sight to have been somewhat late in life, he has made up for lost time by taking every available opportunity of following hounds. Thus he manages to sandwich in plenty of sport, notwithstanding the cares of management of an important hotel. Almost needless to say, "The Newdegate Arms" took its name from the representative Warwickshire family of that name, the present head of which is Mr. Francis Alexander Newdegate, an owner of extensive estates in the county and other parts of England.

Mr. T. J.
Lilley.



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MR. T. J. LILLEY.

Mr. Lilley, who is a good Conservative, and an all-round sportsman, is more particularly attached to shooting when hunting is unobtainable.

MR. CHARLES MARRIOTT, J.P., was born on October 11th, 1818, and is a son of the late Rev. James Powell Goulton-Constable, J.P. (formerly Marriott), of Cotesbach, Rugby. He was educated at Winchester, and Brasenose, Oxford. Afterwards studying law, he took his degree in 1871, and was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 1873. As a lad of eight years of age he commenced hunting with the Atherstone and Pytchley Hounds, which packs he has until

Mr. C.
Marriott.

recent years regularly followed since about 1856. He also hunted with the North Warwickshire and Mr. Fernie's Hounds, when they were under the Mastership of Mr. Tailby and Sir Bache Cunard.

Brunette, by M.D. (16.1), whom he rode for ten seasons; Bruin, by Littlecote, by Wild Dayrell, a perfect hunter, whom he rode for many seasons; together with Benedict and Beatrice, very fast and safe mounts, were some of his best horses.

MR. GEORGE JOHN MOORE, son of the late Mr. George Moore, was born in Derbyshire in 1812, and educated at Eton and Christ Church. Mr. Moore has followed hounds from his earliest days up to ten years ago, and has been associated with the Atherstone all his life. It was with the Meynell, when Mr. Hugo Meynell-Ingram hunted his own pack in 1868, that Mr. Moore took part in the famous Radbourne run, and he is the last survivor of four who saw the fox killed. This run was over thirty miles, and the time four hours. Mr. Moore, whose family has lived at Appleby Hall, Leicestershire, for three centuries, is a magistrate of the county; his youngest son, Lieutenant R. G. Moore, occasionally follows the Atherstone.

Mr. G. J.
Moore.

Mr. Moore was at one time interested in the breeding of pointers. Moss and Maggie were perhaps the best known bred by him, and were sold for large sums. His clubs are the Carlton, Wellington, Hurlingham, and Pratt's.

MR. FREDERICK ARTHUR MORRIS was born March 9th, 1857, and is a son of the late Mr. Arthur Morris, of Wigginton Lodge, Tamworth. He was educated at Marlborough, and commenced hunting with the Atherstone as a lad of sixteen years of age; excepting a couple of seasons with the Worcester and South Stafford he has always been faithful to his first pack. He has visited the North Warwickshire, the Meynell, and the South and West Wilts. He is fond of shooting, belongs to the New Club, and lives at Paulton House, Paulton, Rugby.

Mr. F. A.
Morris.

One of the largest landowners in Warwickshire, Mr. FRANCIS ALEXANDER NEWDEGATE, of Arbury Hall, Nuncaton, assumed the additional surname of Newdegate in 1902, under a provision contained in the will of the Right Hon. C. N. Newdegate. Born in December, 1862, at Chelsea Hospital, of which his grandfather was then Governor, he is the son of Lieut.-Colonel Francis William Newdegate, of the Coldstream Guards. Educated at Eton and Sandhurst Royal Military College, he entered the Coldstream Guards in 1883, serving for three years. He then took a three years' tour in India and the Colonies.

Mr. F. A.
Newdegate.

Mr. F. A. Newdegate.

First experiences of hunting were gained with the Meynell and Lord Harrington's in his youth, but in 1888, after his return to England, he took up residence in Warwickshire, and has since regularly hunted with the Atherstone, except for three seasons, when he was invalided, the result of a bad accident. On the family estates at Arbury, Nuneaton, to part of which he succeeded in 1893, and part in 1902, he has no less than twenty-eight coverts in which he preserves both foxes and pheasants, and upon the whole of the estate, moreover, such a horror as wire is unknown. His late cousin, Mr. Charles Newdegate, was a famous hunting man in Warwickshire, breeding his own horses, and hunting chiefly in the Atherstone country from 1835 until the date of his death, which occurred in 1887.

A popular sportsman and landlord, and one of the chief supporters of the Atherstone pack, he has considerable estates in Derbyshire (West Hallam) and Middlesex (Harefield). He has been requested on more than one occasion to undertake the Mastership of the Atherstone Hounds, but has been unable to do so. He shoots largely, being thoroughly at home with both rifle and smoothbore.

*Photo by Elliott and Fry.***MR. F. A. NEWDEGATE.**

As a politician he was M.P. in the Conservative interests for the Nuneaton Division of Warwickshire from 1892 to 1906. He is a Deputy Lieutenant for Warwickshire and Derbyshire, and a trustee of Rugby School. His clubs are the 'Carlton and Bachelors', and he chiefly resides at Arbury, Nuneaton, and Strontian, Argyllshire.

MR. JAMES PEARCE is a follower of the Atherstone Hounds, and lives at Holbrook Grange, near Rugby.

MR. ARTHUR FREDERICK SCHWIND, born in Lancashire on April 17th. 1866, is the son of the late Mr. Charles Schwind. Educated at Repton School, he began hunting as a boy with the Meynell and South Notts, which packs he followed constantly from his

*Photo by Elliott and Fry.***MR. JAMES PEARCE.**

father's place, Broomfield, Morley, Derbyshire, until 1898. In that year he rented Anker Hills, Atherstone, regularly hunts with the local pack, and is a member of the Atherstone Hunt Club.

Upon his estate in Surrey Mr. Schwind and his brother have trained numerous steeplechasers, many of which won races for them. His brother, Mr. W. H. Schwind, has a string of flat racers in training at Streatley, in Berkshire. Mrs. Schwind is an ardent follower of the Atherstone Hounds.

Mr. H. C. Shawe.

MR. HENRY CUNLIFFE SHAWE, J.P., of Weddington Hall, Warwickshire, and Pipe Grange, Lichfield, High Sheriff 1895, was born on August 20th, 1833, at Cliffe Hall, Kingsbury, where his father, the late Mr. Samuel Pole Shawe, J.P., D.L., of Maple Hayes, Staffordshire, was then in residence.

After receiving his preliminary education at Reading and Eton, he was sent to Christ Church,

*Photo by Elliott and Fry.***MR. A. F. SCHWIND.**

Oxford. As a boy he had followed the Atherstone, and during his college days he took up hunting in earnest, attending all the fixtures obtainable. Following many packs during his lengthened career, he resumed his connection with the Atherstone some thirty-five years ago (in 1872), and, needless to say, brought with him a ripened experience. He has been a member of the Hunt Club for years, and for ten years previous to Captain Townshend taking office was the Hunt's Secretary.

An English country gentleman of the old school, he is a sportsman at heart, and in the truest sense of the word. Almost needless to add, he is respected everywhere, and is wonderfully popular.

Weddington Hall, Warwick, his seat, at which he has resided during the last five-and-thirty years, is especially suited to a gentleman of his tastes, and was a royal hunting box between two and three hundred years ago. His London club is Arthur's.

MR. ROBERT GILLESPIE STANTON, J.P., was born on August 17th, 1843, and is the son of the late Sir Robert Gillespie, J.P., D.L., of Douglas, Scotland. He was educated at Harrow, and commenced hunting with the Surrey Staghounds, with which pack he hunted for about seven seasons, and afterwards for about a similar period in the Vale of Aylesbury. On taking up his residence at Bitteswell House in 1872, he became a member of the Atherstone, which pack he has since followed regularly. Since 1876 he has been a member of the Atherstone Hunt Club. Newsboy, by Oxonian, winner of many steeplechases in Scotland, whom he rode for eight seasons, and The Owl, ridden for a similar period, were two of his best hunters. He is a member of the New Club, and resides at Bitteswell House, Lutterworth, Leicestershire.



MR. R. G. STANTON.

MR. HENRY STUBBS, the subject of these few notes, was born in Cheshire in February, 1851, and commenced hunting practically from the cradle with the North Cheshire Hounds. Taking up his residence at Camp Hill Hall, Nuneaton, in 1879, he has hunted almost entirely with the Atherstone, though occasionally getting a day with the neighbouring packs. He is a member of the Hunt Club, and a J.P. for Warwickshire; his London club is the Badminton, and he is also a member of most of the race clubs.

An enthusiastic worker for his Hunt, he acts as Chairman of the Wire Committee, and pays the poultry claims, etc., for the Hunt in the portion of the country hunted on Saturdays. Mr. Stubbs does not hunt now, but his daughter, Miss Violet Stubbs, is one of the most regular followers of the pack. Previous to his marriage, Mr. Stubbs often rode between the flags at hunt meetings, and could hold his own at polo in his earlier days.



MR. H. C. SHAWE.

Mr. H. C.
Shawe.

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MR. H. STUBBS.

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**Mr. J. H.
Ward-
Boughton
Leigh.**

MR. JOHN HUGH WARD-BOUGHTON-LEIGH, of Ellesthorpe House, near Rugby, is the fourth son of the Rev. Theodosius Ward-Boughton-Leigh, of Newbold-on-Avon. He was born on February 29th,



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. J. H. WARD-BOUGHTON-LEIGH.

1860, and educated at Rugby. He entered the 11th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1877, retiring in 1891 with the rank of major. His hunting career was begun in his seventh year, the first pack being the Atherstone, and afterwards the York and Ainsty and Lord Tredegar's. Subsequently he followed the Pytchley and the North Warwickshire for two years, beginning a new lease with the Atherstone in 1897. In 1901 he was elected a member of the Atherstone Hunt Club. Occasional hunting he has enjoyed with several other packs, notably the Quorn, Cottesmore, Lord Portman's and Blackmore Vale. Being an athlete he has many cups, won at Rugby and subsequently. He is a member of the Junior Carlton Club, London, and a J.P. for the county of Leicestershire.

In 1892, Mr. Boughton-Leigh married the widow of the late Sir Peyton Skipwith, Baronet, and daughter of the late Major-General Herrick, of Shipool, county Cork.

**Colonel
E. S. P.
Wolferstan.**

An active soldier throughout his career, COLONEL EGERTON STANLEY PIPE WOLFERSTAN, who is the son of the late Mr. Francis Wolferstan, barrister-at-law, was born in July, 1861. He was educated at Eton, where he gained the Junior Oppidan Scholarship in 1877, passed through Sandhurst, and was gazetted to the South Staffordshire Regiment in 1881, taking part in the Egyptian Campaigns of 1882 and 1885-86. He served in the South African War from March, 1900,



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MRS. WOLFERSTAN.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. COLONEL WOLFERSTAN.

to May, 1902, and was twice mentioned in despatches. Returning to England, he joined the North Staffordshire Militia, now known as the Special Reserve.

He hunted as a boy with the Atherstone, to which pack he has, with the exception of the period spent on foreign service, remained constant ever since. When abroad, he had five seasons with the Calpé at Gibraltar, and during his residence in this country has occasionally hunted with the South Staffordshire, Meynell, Lord Middleton's, and the Albrighton. His father and brother were both

well-known followers of the Atherstone, and upon the death of the former, Colonel Wolferstan succeeded to his estate of Statfold, Tamworth, which is on the borders of Staffordshire and Warwickshire, and has been his English home all his life.

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He married, in 1897, Eleanor Grace, younger daughter of Mr. Henry Culliffe Shawe, of Weddington Manor, Warwickshire. Mrs. Wolferstan has hunted with the Atherstone all her life, and also occasionally with the South Staffordshire and Meynell.

Colonel Wolferstan's favourite mount is Atalanta. He is a J.P. for Staffordshire and Warwickshire, and a member of the Staffordshire County Council. A member of the Atherstone Hunt Club, he is also Manager of the Wire and Poultry Committee in the Wednesday country. His club is the United Service, and he is also a member of the Royal United Service Institution.

MR. WILLIAM WORTHINGTON WORTHINGTON, son of Mr. A. O. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, was born in 1871 at Newton Hall, near Burton, and educated at Charterhouse and Oxford. He commenced hunting when eight years old, and was presented with his first brush with the Meynell. When at Oxford he followed the South Oxfordshire, Bicester, Warwickshire, and South Staffordshire. In 1892, Mr. Worthington first lived in the Atherstone country. He is a Director of the New River Company, a magistrate for Staffordshire and Derbyshire, and is a member of the Junior Carlton, New University, and Automobile Clubs. He lives at Nether Seale Old Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. W. W.
Worthing-
ton.

MR. ROBERT WILLIAM YOUNG, of Bitteswell Manor, Lutterworth, has been a constant follower of the Atherstone since 1886, previous to which his experience had been chiefly in Scotland. He was born on January 21st, 1849, son of the late Mr. Robert Young, of Colinswell and Whimnyhall, Fifeshire, and was educated at St. Andrew's College, Fife.

Mr. R. W.
Young.

Blooded by Colonel Anstruther Thomson, of the Fifeshire Foxhounds, in his boyhood, he later spent eight seasons with the Lulithgow and Stirlingshire, and then, migrating to Dumfriesshire, he followed the county pack for ten seasons. Mr. Young resides in the Atherstone country, and has been a member of the Hunt Club for the past twenty-three years, and takes an active interest in the Poultry Fund, the Friday country being under his supervision. In the summer he has obtained great sport with the otterhounds, and the Dumfriesshire, Carlisle, and West Cumberland otter packs have known him many a time as a keen follower. He is also a staunch supporter and constant attendant with the Springhill Beagles. Mr. Young formerly possessed an enormous hunter of 17.2 $\frac{1}{2}$, named Gambler, by Speculation, well up to 20 stone, who ran second in the Atherstone Point-to-Point of 1891, carrying 16 stone. Other good horses he had were Champion, Prodigal, and Milkman. Both Mrs. Young and Miss Young hunt with the Atherstone.



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MR. R. W. YOUNG.



MEET OF THE WARWICKSHIRE HOUNDS AT WROXTON ABBEY.

WITH THE HON. H. J. NORTH (MASTER) AND HON. MRS. NORTH.

THE WARWICKSHIRE.

AS a hunting county, Warwickshire is equal to Northamptonshire, but inferior to Leicestershire. It consists chiefly of grass—a fine, wild country, strongly fenced. There are few brooks, the Ladbroke and Walton being the worst. On the Shuckburgh side the fences are strongest. In the neighbourhood of Leamington the hunting is not good, and the scent is poor. In the south the country is wild and the hedges “hairy,” but the scent is excellent. Their Tuesday country—in the extreme south, on the borders of the North Cotswold and Heythrop—is not a good one. At Weston House there is a twelve-acre gorse, four miles from any covert. Other good meets are Barton House and Wolford Village.

On Thursdays, hounds meet in the east, on the Pytchley border. This is a grand country, Shuckburgh Hill and Ladbroke Gorse being the best in the whole Hunt.

In the volume containing the account of the Bicester, these coverts are said to have once belonged to that pack, on the authority of Brooksby’s *Hunting Countries of Great Britain*; but as the statement has been questioned, and *Hall’s Hunting Atlas* (about 1849) gives them distinctly in the Warwickshire country, we therefore have enquired of an authority, who informs us that Shuckburgh was originally in the Pytchley country. It was then given over to the Bicester, and later on, the date of which he is not sure, became part of the Warwickshire country. Ladbroke was always Warwickshire.

The Friday country in the Banbury district, on the Edge Hill side, is a good one, with small coverts. The farmers love the sport, and preserve foxes well. In the 1881–82 season they had not one bad Friday. Swallcliffe, Wroxton Abbey, New Inn, Farnborough, and Broughton Castle are favourite meets.

On Saturdays, they meet in the north-west, where there are large woods and some plough, the best meets being Pebworth, Charlecote, Snitterfield, Congleton, and Ragley Hall.

No notice of sport in Warwickshire is complete without mention of N. Sommerville, the author of *The Chase*. He lived at Edstowe House, Wootton Wawen, and died in 1742, aged only fifty. He was a thorough sportsman, and he knew all about hunting fox and hare, breeding hounds, and kennel management. His advice is thoroughly sound, though given in laboured verse. His lines about hounds too light for a heavy country may well be applied to his own efforts over the blank verse course—

“The pigmy brood in every furrow swims,
Moiled in the clogging clay panting they lay,
Behind inglorious.”

Judging from a letter of his, he had only one horse at a time. His huntsman, John Howitt, or Hoilt, survived his old Master sixty years, and, like him, rests in Wootton Wawen churchyard, in the sweetest of all England’s shires—leafy Warwickshire. “Cecil” gives the inscription on J. Hoilt’s tombstone in Wootton Wawen churchyard, which he says was dilapidated in 1877. From it we learn that he was a huntsman for “nearly seventy years” (a record this, surely), and his occupation in the field did not preclude his attention to other business. “The eldest Thomas caused this stone to be erected.” Who this person was we do not know, but as a blank verse poet he ran old Sommerville to a head in these lines on the tombstone—

“Here Hoilt, and his sports and labours past,
Joins his loved master Sommerville at last:
Together wont the echoing fields to try;
Together now in silent dust they lie;
Servant and lord, when once we yield our breath,
Huntsman and poet are alike in death.”

Mr. John Warde, of Squerries, Westerham, Kent, "the father of modern foxhunting," notes on whom will be found under the Bicester Hounds, hunted a part of Warwickshire (1780-90), from kennels at Newbold.

Mr. J. Corbet, whose portrait we give, was one of the greatest Masters in the early days of hunting. He retired in 1811. He hunted part of the present Albrighton, and a good deal of the present Atherstone, as well as the present North Warwickshire and Warwickshire countries. He established his Hunt Club at "The White Lion," Stratford-on-Avon, and published his meets in the paper—an uncommon thing then—and was always punctual. He had £5 a year from each member of the club for earth-stopping, but no other subscription.

Mr. Corbet's great huntsman was Will Barrow (in the picture, pointing with his whip), whose language was coarse, though his hands were fine, and his riding most determined. He was killed, hunting with Mr. Corbet's son's harriers, at Sundorne, Shropshire.

Besides the great run of December 8th, 1795, recorded hereafter in the sketch of Mr. Corbet's hunting career, "Nimrod" mentions a grand run of twelve miles blank, straight all over grass, from Farnborough. On December 10th, 1801, they also ran from Epwell White House, near

Compton Wymiates, for four hours and a quarter, and were stopped at 5.15 p.m.; owing to the darkness no horse returned to his stable that night.

Ed. Goulburn's "poem," *The Epwell Hunt* (i.e., run), deals with a twenty-mile point from the same place in 1809. Epwell White House is in the Edge Hill country.

Lord Middleton succeeded Mr. Corbet (1812). His great huntsman was J. Wood. His chief followers were Lords Willoughby de Broke, Aylesford, Molyneux, Warwick, and Villiers; Sirs J. Mordaunt, G. Skipwith, E. Smythe, and J. Shelley; General Williams; Messrs. Holbeck, Curtis, Featherstone, H. Robson, J. Handley, Stubbs, Lucy, Boycott (of Rudge), and E. Goulburn.



MR. JOHN CORBET, WITH WILL BARROW (HUNTSMAN).

In Lord Middleton's time there was a great run from the Warwickshire Vale to Ditchley Park, Oxfordshire, and only Lord Molyneux and Mr. J. Lucy saw the end of it. This run killed a 450-guinea hunter belonging to Sir J. Mordaunt.

In 1822, Lord Middleton had to retire, after hunting the country for ten years without any subscriptions. He was succeeded by Mr. Shirley, of Ettington (1822-25); and then Mr. Hay, of Dunse Castle, Berwickshire, came. He had hunted the Woore country in Staffordshire, with N. Boxall for first whip. Boxall retired as huntsman in 1835, T. Day succeeding him. Mr. Hay served in the Peninsular War in the 16th Light Dragoons, retiring in 1811. He was a spectator at Waterloo, where his brother was killed. He died in 1876, aged eighty-nine, a grand sportsman to the last. He was succeeded by Mr. Newton Fellowes, 1826-30; Mr. Russell, 1830-33; and Mr. Thornhill, 1833-36.

In these days Leamington was beginning to grow, and was resorted to by sportsmen, who were keener in promoting hunt balls and dinners than the followers of most packs in England. The period 1830-40 has been given as the palmy days of the Warwickshire Hunt Club, and Leamington was at that time almost on a level with Melton. The Club still exists, with a subscription of £8 8s. a year, apart from the subscription to the Hunt. Of this, £6 6s. goes in tickets for a ball, the rest to the Covert Fund. Leamington was then the great place for hunt steeplechases. The present kennels were built in 1839, at Kinton, on land given by Mr. Lucy.

Mr. Hanks, of Tilton—a Warwickshire man—also hunted with the North Cotswold, as he lived near. He rode thoroughbred horses, unclipped and with long tails, exactly in their natural

state. It is said that when his white scarf got dirty, he put a clean one on over it. How far he carried these layers of tie we do not know, but he must, in the course of a few weeks, have resembled an Elizabethan courtier in a ruff. When a friend noticed that part of the roof of his stable had gone through, the loose tiles having slipped, he said "I think there is nothing like fresh air for horses." Two hours before his death, he sent for Mr. Rushout, the Master of the North Cotswold, and wrote him a cheque for £10, for his subscription, saying that he felt happy when he had done that.

Since that date the Masters have been as follows:—Mr. Grenville, 1836–39; Mr. Barnard, afterwards Lord Willoughby de Broke, 1839–56; Mr. Spencer Lucy, of Charlecote, 1856–58; and Mr. Henley Greaves, 1858–61, for whom see Old Berkshire Hunt.

An excellent run is recorded during the latter's reign. Hounds found a fox at Wolford Wood, and running hard by Larches-on-the-Hill, Cornwell, Boulter's Barn (a Heythrop meet), Sarsgrove, Sarsden Village, and through the Norrells to Puddlicote Quarries, where they killed him. George Wills was huntsman. This was a nine-mile point, but they must have run over twelve. The Master, and others, then went on to the Hunt meeting of the Warwickshire, at Moreton-in-Marsh, and, at the "White Hart," solemnly presented Jem Hills, the Heythrop huntsman, with the brush of this fine old fox. Jem Hills had always said the Warwickshire could not kill a fox after crossing the road that divided them from the Heythrop. This time they did, but Jem related that it was a fox it had taken them twenty-five years to kill.

In 1861–62, Lord Willoughby de Broke and the Hon. W. H. J. North (now Lord North) were Joint-Masters; next (1862–67), on his Lordship's death, Mr. North continued alone.

Then came Mr. Lucy (1867–76), and Lord Willoughby de Broke (1876–1900), who raised the Warwickshire quite to the front rank, and was one of the best Masters in the country. In 1900, he was succeeded by his son, who still continues to the universal satisfaction.

The first pack of foxhounds, according to Sir Charles Mordaunt, of which there is any record in Warwickshire, was kept by Mr. WRIGHTSON. This gentleman had two kennels. The first was at Smallcliffe Grange, originally an inn, the sign of which was hung on an elm tree still in front of the house. It was a popular resort, and did much business. It afterwards became "The George," and was doubtless used by Mr. Wrightson for kennelling his hounds when far from home. There are stables there which bear signs of having been built for other than carhorses. The second kennel was at the "White Lion Hotel," Stratford-on-Avon, a house much used by sportsmen of the day, and it is upon record that they spent many festive evenings in a room specially reserved for them, known as the "Tempest Room" in honour of the "Bard of Avon." Mr. Wrightson hunted the country in 1780. An excellent sportsman, he had a huntsman and two whips supplied with a dozen horses, a liberal allowance in those days, and so equipped he showed fine sport. Unfortunately accounts of it are somewhat meagre. In fact, we have but a single rim to be taken seriously. It took place in 1780. The Alveston Pasture was first drawn, and two foxes found, but lost. Ettington Grove, the next draw, proved more successful, as their fox, after "ringing" for an hour, met with his proper fate. A fourth was found at Honington Spinneys, and they went at racing pace over Idlicote Heath and by Compton Wynmiate, and from thence to Stratford Hill, where they killed, only three riders being up at the finish.

Mr.
Wrightson.

After Mr. Warde left the country, Mr. JOHN CORBET assumed the Mastership. This was in 1791. Taking up his residence at Clopton, near Stratford-on-Avon, he hunted the country until 1811. Writers upon his career say that he hunted the entire county at his own expense. This would appear to be incorrect, however, judging from the following letter published in the *Leamington Courier* in March, 1881:—"Sir,= Will you allow me to correct the statement made in your article on the Warwickshire Hounds that Mr. Corbet hunted them entirely at his own expense. My grandfather, Sir Andrew Corbet, shared the expenses equally with his kinsman, John Corbet—both Shropshire men. My father used to lament (very improperly, I suppose, but

Mr. J.
Corbet
—Master,
1791–1811.

Mr. J.
Corbet.

from a younger son's point of view) that the £1,000 thus spent did not come his way, instead of it 'going to the dogs.' Yours truly, CHARLOTTE M. CORBET, 2 Newbold Terrace, Leamington."

That plenty of money was required for a country which stretched from Shrewsbury to Warwick goes without the saying, and Mr. John Corbet found it necessary to keep seventy couples of hounds at Sundorne Castle for the purpose. It was his custom to dine with the members of the Hunt Club once a fortnight at the "White Lion Hotel," Stratford-on-Avon. His popularity in the county was great. A firm and sincere friend and a country squire of the best type, he was not only beloved by his equals, but his kind words and courteous bearing endeared him to the yeomen and farmers of his sporting county, who could not do enough to show the esteem in which he was held.

A great breeder of hounds, his name is more especially connected with Trojan, to which celebrated black and white we shall have to refer in another portion of this work. Tradition says that Trojan came to the Sundorne kennels as a waif, but showed such hunting qualities that he was retained and bred from. It is said that during eight seasons he was never lame or missed a day's hunting, and that he was not only the best hunter in the pack, but the fastest. According to the *Sporting Magazine* for December, 1795, "Mr. Corbet's hounds, on December 8th, found at Wolford, and ran over Leamington Heath, Norton Common, Evenlode Heath, Longborough Lees, Donington, Scott's Brake, Eyford, Halford Holt, thence over Cold Aston Downs, and towards Farmington Grove; then through Saperton Grove, over the Gloucestershire Hills, and killed near Sandewell Park, within four miles of Cheltenham. The distance was computed to be twenty-three miles as the crow flies, and thirty-five miles as hounds ran."*

There is no suggestion of a change of foxes, and we read that there was no cheek in the first hour and a-half of the run; that it was followed by a similar period spent in slow hunting, and finished by fifty minutes more without a cheek. "Venator" says: "Mr. Corbet had the head of this fox put in a glass case in the 'Tempest Room' (at the 'White Lion' aforesaid), where the members of the Hunt then dined, and on the frame was written the inscription of the chase; the head continued to grace the room for forty-five consecutive years. Every sportsman who knew the history of the achievements of this fox contemplated his stern, grim visage with delight, and many whose hearts never responded to the gladsome 'Tally-ho' felt some pleasure for a moment in looking at the gallant old fox of Wolford Heath. In 1834, the 'White Lion' changed proprietors, and in the following year the tenant then in possession left the house. This relique of sport had kept its station under every tenancy, and was considered a sort of heirloom to the premises. An old sportsman, on entering the room on the day of sale, exclaimed, 'Stole away!' The fine old fox of Wolford Heath was nowhere to be found. Had this not been the case, his likeness here would have superseded the necessity of our making this apology."

According to the talented authors of *The Warwickshire Hunt*, a similar loss has taken place at Compton Verney, in the Muniment Room, from which the head of the old Hillmorton fox has disappeared.

As a breeder of hounds "Nimrod" says that Mr. Corbet had great advantages:—"His own extensive estates in one of the most sporting counties in Great Britain, together with those of his neighbours, afforded him the best of walks for his puppies, and he bred to a great extent. Still, I have myself heard him admit that, in proportion to relative numbers, he could not succeed so well as his neighbour (afterwards his son-in-law), Sir Richard Puleston. He gave him credit for bringing into the field a sort of hound fit for any country, and of a peculiarly marked character, which I always considered Sir Richard's sort to have been. They were closer in their form, but with length where length is required; more symmetrical, in fact, more after the fashion of Mr. Osbaldeston's Furrier and Vaulters sorts than Mr. Corbet's were."

Finding that his health would not longer bear the strains of Mastership, Mr. Corbet, in February, 1811, announced his intention to resign. This was received with widespread regret, but the Warwickshire sportsmen of all classes rose to the occasion, and presented him with a beautiful silver vase as a testimony of their respect and gratitude. His horses were sold by

* The Ordnance map makes this distance straight from Wolford Woods to Cheltenham.

anction, twelve of them realizing 1,220 guineas, and he sold sixty couples of hounds, all bred by himself, to his successor, Lord Middleton, for 1,200 guineas.

Mr. J.
Corbet.

This respected Master and generous gentleman passed away on May 19th, 1817.

THE RIGHT HON. HENRY, SIXTH BARON MIDDLETON, was born on April 21th, 1761. Possessed of a princely fortune, liberal, almost lavish, in his expenditure, he, when Mr. Corbet's health was failing, was looked to as the best successor of that fine old sportsman to hunt so vast a country as the county of Warwick. This was quite in keeping with the order of things, as, in the first place, he was known to be a good sportsman; and, secondly, was well acquainted with the country, having previously hunted in it with Mr. Willoughby, before his accession to the peerage. A fine rider and great lover of the hound, he, when the matter was broached, bought Mr. Corbet's pack for 1,200 guineas, and took over the duties of Mastership.

Lord
Middleton
—Master,
1812-22.

To take office after so capable a predecessor was no sinecure. At a dinner given by him at the "Sun Rising," Edge Hill, the principal sportsmen who followed hounds in the county were present, and the landowners and farmers expressed their intention of preserving foxes to the best of their powers.

After this, however, things did not go quite so smoothly. Fond as he was of hound-breeding, he did not prove so successful as Mr. Corbet. Whether the new Master was unable to spare suitable bitches to breed from, and was, therefore, forced to depend upon other kennels, is a moot point. "Nimrod" is strangely contradictory on this matter. He writes in the first place: "I had, however, had enough of the Warwickshire, being convinced that from some cause (bad meat, I presume) they were incapable of showing anything worth putting myself to inconvenience for, so sent my hunters straight on the road for their place of destination." To this he adds: "The Warwickshire are of all sorts and sizes, and a very coarse lot to look at; but they are particularly handy and steady, and when going at a certain pace stoop well to their game; but further this deponent sayeth not. No animal can do what we require him to do *unless he be in a condition to do it.*"

Following this, when speaking of the Great Ditchley run, "Nimrod" writes: "The pace Lord Middleton's hounds went through the whole of this run, the severity of the country being also taken into consideration, exceeds anything that I have before seen or heard of, or that I have seen ever since, and which *only hounds in the best condition could have shown.*" The italics are ours.

How to reconcile these two statements by the same writer one is at a loss to explain. Possibly, however, he was trimming his sails, and playing to the gallery, when Lord Middleton had rendered himself somewhat unpopular, in the first place, by declining to support the club at Stratford, which closed its doors in consequence, and, secondly, by refusing to allow particulars of runs with the hounds to be published. This latter interdict alienated the farmers, one of their number voicing the general opinion by remarking, "It was too bad, when we take so much care to preserve foxes, and our business will not permit us to go out with the hounds often, to deny us the pleasure of seeing what they were doing by the newspaper." Further, Lord Middleton gave up the Meriden Woodlands, as well as the Combe and Dunchurch country, which by no means improved matters.

A grand horseman when in the mood, and splendidly mounted, at times he would ride absolutely straight, turning, so to speak, at nothing; at other times he would lead his horse at every fence he met with.

Like many other fine riders, his retirement was caused by a fall when taking things carelessly. Meeting at Admington on the last day of the season 1820-21, he was galloping round a field when his horse fell and rolled upon him, injuring his thigh and shoulder. After that he was seldom seen in the saddle on anything but a pony. His stud of hunters was sold at Leicester in 1823, realizing big prices.

He died on June 19th, 1835, at Wollaton, Nottinghamshire, aged seventy-five.

At the end of the season 1835-36, Mr. Thornhill gave up the Mastership of the Warwickshire, the pack being managed by a Committee in the succeeding season. This, usually an unsatisfactory arrangement, proved so on the occasion in question. The fortunes of the pack, not bright for

Mr. R. J.
Barnard
—Master,
1830-56.

**Mr. R. J.
Barnard.**

some time, had sunk to a very low level, and hounds were hunted but twice a week. Something had to be done, and it was resolved to ask Mr. R. J. Barnard, a member of the Committee, nephew and heir to the seventeenth Baron Willoughby de Broke, to accept the sole Mastership, which he did. The choice gave every satisfaction, as he was well known in the county, and a sportsman to the manner born. MR. ROBERT JOHN BARNARD was born at Lighthorne Rectory on October 7th, 1809. A son of Prebendary Barnard, his mother a sister of Lord Henry de Broke, tradition says he could ride as soon as he could walk, and that his trusted donkey knew as much about the country as any quadruped in the district. His father, the Prebendary, was a clergyman of the old school, who could ride, shoot, and walk with the best in the county. Indeed, his fame has been incorporated with the folklore of the neighbourhood.

His son, our subject, inherited many of the paternal qualities. "Scrutator" says: "Mr. R. Barnard was a bold and skillful rider, and no fence was too high or wide for him that his horse could cover, and that no sportsman measured his ground better or rode with more judgment." Educated at Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford, he was at both seats of learning in the good sporting sets. More especially does the remark apply to his University career, where he became intimately acquainted with the Duke of Somerset, Lord Macclesfield, Mr. George Lane Fox, Mr. Thornhill, and other noted sportsmen, many of whom no longer, alas, answer to the roll-call.

A fine coachman in the days which boasted many great whips, Mr. Barnard was at home whether in the hunting field, shooting, fishing, yachting, or as an athlete. He once swam Compton Lake in his clothes, after a day's partridge-shooting, to know how it would be if upset.

As soon as Mr. Barnard became Master the affairs of the Hunt began to mend. A huntsman of the old school, he was slow, but sure and capable. His popularity was unbounded, and what largely added to his success was the engagement of his huntsman, Ned Stevens. The latter has been classed with William Goodall, Tom Firr, and Frank Beers; be this as it may, no huntsman was ever quicker on to his fox, or hunted him with greater dash and persistency.

Mr. Barnard (then Lord Willoughby de Broke), to the regret of the country, retired in 1856, when a cordial vote of thanks was accorded him for his past services, and his generous promise to support the Hunt in future.

A fine sportsman and courtly English gentleman, he may be said to have died in harness, which lamented event occurred on June 5th, 1862.

**Mr. H. S.
Lucy
—Master,
1856-58
and
1867-76.**

It would be difficult to mention a name so intimately identified with the county of Warwick as that of Lucy. The Lucys have been sportsmen from earliest times. Descended from Thurstaue de Charlecote, and his son, Sir Walter de Charlecote (upon whom Henry de Montfort conferred the village of Charlecote, the grant being confirmed by Richard I.), the third representative of the family was Sir William de Lucy. This knight was the first of the Charlecotes to adopt the name of Lucy. The family mansion had then been standing many years amidst the oak woods of Charlecote. It was re-built by Sir Thomas Lucy. The knighthood conferred by Queen Elizabeth has done nothing nearly so much to hand down his name to posterity as did his exercise of legal authority on the "Bard of Avon," whose Justice Shallow, so minutely satirized in the "Merry Wives of Windsor," he was. Sir Thomas, however, was doubtless a sportsman. Referring to the celebrated picture in which the knight, his wife, and children are portrayed, Washington Irving in his *Sketch Book* says: "Hounds and spaniels are mingled in the family group, a hawk is seated on his perch in the foreground, and one of the children holds a bow—all indicating the knight's skill in hunting, hawking, and archery, so indispensable to the accomplished gentleman in those days."

The subject of our memoir is HENRY SPENCER LUCY, the second son of Mr. George Lucy, who succeeded to the estates in his minority, owing to the death of his brother in 1818. Born on November 28th, 1830, he finished his education by taking his B.A. degree at Christ Church, Oxford. On July 5th, 1865, he married Christina, eldest daughter of Alexander Campbell, of Monzie, county Perth. The gentleman in question was well known with Lord Middleton's Hounds; a bit of a fire-eater, ready with the duelling pistol, and it was said of him that he "rode hard, and took care to let people know it."

In 1839, the father of Mr. H. Spencer Lucy had given the land on which the kennels of the Warwickshire Hounds were built. "Cecil" says: "The materials were drawn to the spot by the united efforts of 180 farmers, who collectively had at work 553 waggons. The first stone was laid on July 24th, and on October 15th the various apartments were occupied—the hounds, horses, and servants were all in their respective quarters."

Mr. H. S.
Lucy.

Although a man of affairs, a J.P. and D.L., also High Sheriff of his county when thirty-seven years of age, it was only natural for Mr. H. Spencer Lucy to take to sport. A capital game shot and good judge of horse and hound, he could take his part as a steeplechase rider as well as in "pink." In the latter respect, indeed, Sir Walter Carew, the well-known heavy-weight and hard rider, has put it upon record that in all his Melton days he never saw three young fellows ride better or straighter to hounds than Mr. W. H. Chamberlayne, Captain E. Raleigh King, and Mr. H. Spencer Lucy did with the Warwickshire.

Mr. Spencer Lucy began with a pack of harriers, however, turning his attention to the borderlands of Warwick, Worcester, and Gloucester. After the death of that Lord Willoughby de Broke who was first known to sport as Mr. Barnard, and an interregnum of four years, during which Messrs. Spencer Lucy, Greaves, and North held alternate sway, the first-named, our subject, consented to take the Mastership of the Warwickshire. This was in 1856, and a sum of £1,900 was guaranteed to him.

An ardent sportsman, he rode light, 12 stone at most, and was always mounted on horses up to a couple or three stone more, which he spared no expense to obtain. He did the thing thoroughly, and his hunters, owing to his care and that of his eccentric old stud groom, one William Brown, everything was unimpeachable. Of William, by the way, it is related that he began life as a gentleman's coachman. He ultimately resigned because his master had presumed to alter his reins from the cheek to the bar, a liberty which, as master of his art, William could by no means overlook!

An especially good man at water, Mr. Lucy on more than one occasion had hounds to himself, being the only rider safe over. It is also related that he and his father-in-law were two of the only four riders who had ever cleared the River Leam.

At the close of the season 1857-58 our subject intimated his intention to resign, for private reasons, and was succeeded by Mr. Henley Greaves. In March, 1866, however, he again consented to become Master, and, a subscription of £2,400 per annum being guaranteed, for the second time he took the horn, which he carried until 1876. It has been objected to him that he did not take enough outside blood into his kennels, and might have made a better hound breeder had he done so. Be this as it may, "the Squire," as he was always called, was a fine huntsman, thoroughly understood the sport, and his care for hounds and their work often dominated his love of pace. In 1861, he bought the Blackmore Vale Harriers, with which he not only hunted hare, but stag; having harriers kept on one side of his farms for six weeks or so, and fed for condition, in order to give good sport. An old-fashioned country squire, he was a boon companion, and evinced humour of the practical order at times. Thus, during his Shrievalty, he took the judge on circuit home to dinner at Stoneleigh Abbey. The family coach was used, all cushions and cee springs. Drawn by four horses, one was a young hunter never in harness before. It resembled Horace Greely's ride—the wearer of the ermine being whirled around the coach like an indiarubber ball, and, desperately frightened, shouted when he had sufficient breath, "Do you think this safe, Mr. Sheriff?"

Mr. Henry Spencer Lucy died November 6th, 1890.

The Norths of Cambridgeshire are descended from an ancient English stock, which came more particularly into prominence when Sir Edward North, a famous lawyer, was created first Lord North. Born *circa* 1496, he, after being Joint-Clerk of the Parliament, King's Serjeant-at-Law, and Chancellor of the Court of Augmentations, was summoned to Parliament as Baron North, of Kirtling County, Cambridge, on February 17th, 1553-54.

The Rt.
Hon. W. H.
J. North
—Master,
1861-66.

A direct descendant of this great jurist, THE RIGHT HON. WILLIAM HENRY JOHN NORTH, the Baron North of to-day, of Kirtling, county Cambridge, England, was born October 5th, 1836, and succeeded his mother as eleventh Baron in 1884. Educated at Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford, he was formerly a Lieutenant in the 1st Life Guards, and Major, Oxfordshire Imperial Yeomanry.

The Rt.
Hon. W. H.
J. North.

He is an Honorary Colonel, 4th Battalion the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, a Knight of the Order of Malta, with permission to wear the Order in England, and Vice-President of the Order of Great Britain; was A.D.C. to Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland (fifteenth Earl of Eglinton) in 1858; he is a J.P. for Westminster, and for the counties of Oxford, Cambridge, Middlesex, and Suffolk. He married, on January 12th, 1858, Frederica, Dame d'honneur of the Sovereign Order of Malta, daughter of Richard Howe Cockerell, Commander R.N., by his wife Theresa, afterwards Countess of Eglinton and Winton.

Lord North has, to use a well-known expression, "hunted all his life." Blooded with the Warwickshire in 1840, when four years of age, his experience was ripened by following that pack, the Heythrop, and Biester. In 1861, he became Joint-Master of the Warwickshire with Lord Willoughby de Broke. In 1863, he started a pack of his own to hunt part of the country. The nucleus of the pack in question was formed by drafts from the Warwickshire and other packs. These hounds, which he hunted himself, with Tom Matthews (who had hunted the Warwickshire since 1861) as kennel huntsman, met three days a week in that part of the country which lies between Alcester and Stratford-on-Avon, thus hunting the country seven days a week. In 1866, he took this pack into the Biester country, where he hunted them for one season. He hunted that famous pack until 1870, after which a regrettable illness prevented him from following his favourite sport for several years. The frontispiece to the Hunt history is a reproduction of the painting of Lord and Lady North at the meet at Wroxton Abbey.

Taking up his residence at Wroxton Abbey, Oxfordshire, on the death of his mother in 1881, he was, happily, again in the saddle, and has hunted with the Warwickshire ever since. In this particular, all the members of his Lordship's family follow his excellent example.

Almost needless to say, Lord North has owned some grand hunters. Among those requiring special mention are Baronet, Chief Justice, The Farmer, and Brown Duchess. He also owned Prince Edward, a chaser of some repute; he ran in 51 races, winning 19, running second 14 times, and third 7 times—a splendid record; and one prior to that, Yaller Gal, who ran third in the Liverpool to the Earl of Coventry's marvellous mare, Emblem.

Chairman of the Warwickshire Hunt Committee, Lord North is respected and held in affectionate regard by all the followers of that noted pack. He resides at Wroxton Abbey, Oxfordshire, and is a member of the Carlton Club. The members and farmers of the Hunt presented Lord and Lady North with an excellent full-length portrait of himself by Mr. Oswald Birley, on the occasion of their golden wedding, January 12th, 1908.

The 18th
Lord Willoughby
de Broke
—Master,
1876-1900.

For nearly a quarter of a century the late LORD WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE held the Mastership of the Warwickshire Hounds, during which period there were few days missed by him, so that when in the Christmas week of 1902 he breathed his last on the P. & O. steamer "*Australia*" regret was general.



THE LATE LORD WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE.

When the Conqueror bestowed the Eresby upon one of his knights he laid the foundation of two noble families, the Willoughbys of Eresby, and Willoughbys of Broke. The male lines of both have revived the dormant peerages. The names have occasionally been changed, and

what was Willoughby is now Heathcote or Verney, but it is still the old strain whose blood runs through both houses.

The subject of these notes, Henry Verney, eighteenth Baron Willoughby de Broke, was born on May 11th, 1844. The Willoughbys of Broke have as their ancestor Sir Thomas Willoughby, third son of the fourth Lord Willoughby d'Eresby, who fought beside King Henry VII. at Bosworth, and was created a Willoughby of Broke by writ of summons. The family was first in Wiltshire, then migrated to Warwickshire, where they intermarried with other noble families. Long before our subject went to Eton he had been familiar with horse and hound, as his father was Master of the Warwickshire before him for some seventeen seasons. His position in the county, popularity and love of sport, made the choice, on the resignation of Mr. Lucy, a most happy one. A hard man to hounds, he was also very well known with the Heythrop, Bicester, and other packs, as well as at home. Succeeding to the Mastership when thirty-two years of age, he would ride the roughest horses, and his manner of crossing a big country was wonderful. After five seasons he took the hounds himself. Beginning with a wide experience, he soon ripened into one of the finest amateurs of his day. He studied hunting as a science; and was thoroughly educated in the wiles of the little gentleman in red. Another of his finest attributes was as a breeder of hounds. Following in the footsteps of his predecessor, he added greatly to the prestige of the pack. Space does not permit an enumeration of the triumphs on the flags of Tancered, Tuscan, Trouncer, Nailer, and many others, including a wonderful lot of bitches. Their achievements to kennel-lovers are as familiar as household words, and occasionally these hounds almost swept the boards. (A fact referred to elsewhere in this work.)

Towards the end of the nineties his Lordship alarmed his friends by falling from the saddle in a fainting fit when in the act of blowing his horn, and was forbidden by his doctor to continue to follow hounds. In February, 1900, he resigned in favour of his son, the Honourable R. G. Verney.

RICHARD GREVILLE VERNEY, NINETEENTH BARON WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE, was born in the year 1869, and succeeded his father in 1902. Educated at Eton, he subsequently went to New College, Oxford, where he took his B.A. degree. At Eton he devoted himself to cricket, and was, moreover, a member of his college eleven. Coming of such an ancient hunting stock, it is matter for no surprise that he was "entered" as a boy to fox. Subsequent experience with many packs fostered his love of the science. Our subject had been Manager for one season to his father. Entering into the responsibilities of office with zeal, fully determined to keep up the best traditions of the pack, his home county has ably assisted him. More especially he takes the keenest interest in hound breeding, still pinning his faith in the main to Belvoir and Brocklesby blood, as did his father. A proof of the soundness of this theory is shown by the many triumphs of the Warwickshire pack at Peterborough.

Hunting employs some eight months of the year, and he spends the late summer and autumn at his seat, Kineton, entering the young hounds to cub. He hunts five days a week, which, with county affairs, keeps him well occupied.

He represented Rugby in the Conservative interest from 1895 to 1900; he is a Deputy-Lieutenant of his county, and on the Commission of the Peace. He married in 1895 the youngest daughter of Mr. C. A. Hanbury, and has issue, one son, John Henry Peyto, born 1896.

Closely, well-nigh inseparably, connected with the annals of the Warwickshire Hunt throughout more than the last half-century has been the name of Allfrey. CAPTAIN HENRY ALLFREY, the present well-known and popular Secretary of this Hunt, has held his honorary post for sixteen years, having taken it over from the hands of his father, the late Mr. Henry W. Allfrey, with a few years intervening, in 1892, after thirty years' yeoman service by the latter in that capacity.

The 18th
Lord
Willoughby
de Broke.

The 19th
Lord
Willoughby
de Broke
—present
Master.



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LORD WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE.

Capt. H. A.
Allfrey
—Hon. Sec.

**Captain
H. A.
Allfrey.**

The subject of these notes was born in Warwickshire early in the fifties, and was in due course sent to Cheltenham College. From thence he passed into the 60th Rifles as an ensign in 1867, and saw service in India, Arabia, and South Africa with his battalion. The Captain, who married, on leaving the Service in 1899, the second daughter of Mr. S. A. Hankey, of Wokingham, Berkshire, was blooded as a youngster with the Warwickshire Hounds by no less important a personage than the late Mr. Henry Barnard, who became later the seventeenth Baron Willoughby de Broke (grandfather of the present Peer). This little function took place at Chesterton Wood, a well-known cover in the Warwickshire country.

Captain Allfrey can distinctly remember hunting with no less than eighty-seven different packs of hounds, including every one of those in Ireland. He has done some 'chasing, too, but, unfortunately, was always too heavy a weight to be eminently successful, "owners up."



CAPTAIN H. A. ALLFREY.

He has shot a great deal both in India and at home, and is a first-rate all-round sportsman, belongs to some good clubs, and resides at Staple Hill, Wellesbourne, Warwick.

**Mr. K. S.
Barker.**



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MR. K. S. BARKER.

He was born in February, 1863, the son of Mr. C. D. Barker, J.P. and D.L. for the county of Worcester, and was educated at Malvern College, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Mr. Barker is interested in all field sports, and is a member of the Junior Conservative Club.

**Captain H.
H. Beever.**

An all-round lover of sport in the better sense of the word, CAPTAIN HENRY HOLT BEEVER, who is the son of the late Rev. William Holt Beever, of Pencraig Court, Ross, was educated at Cheltenham, and the R.M.A., Woolwich, which qualified him for some seventeen years' active soldiering.

Obtaining his first hunting mount at the tender age of five with the Ross Harriers, he followed on with the South Herefordshire and Ledbury, and subsequently gained an enlarged experience with numerous other packs. Among these may be instanced the Pytchley, Cattistock, South Dorset, and Blackmore



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CAPTAIN H. H. BEEVER.

Vale, hunting with the last-named four seasons. Migrating to Weedon, in the Pytchley country in 1900, he hunted with that pack and the Grafton for a season, removing, however, to Staple Hill, Wellesbourne, in the following year, from whence he has since hunted regularly with the Warwickshire, and is a member of the Hunt Club.

Of the many excellent hunters he has owned, Zacharias he considers to have been about the best.

Loving the "whistle of a racing jacket," he has been a liberal patron of sport between the flags, more especially that connected with the Services. When we recall the fact that he has three times won the Royal Artillery Gold Cup, on Johnny Longtail, Great Paul, and The Mazzard, respectively, little remains to be said. His son, Master Henry Beever, *at* thirteen, shows every promise of following in his father's footsteps, and is already known as one of the best youthful riders in the Warwickshire. Captain Beever is a member of the Naval and Military, and other Clubs.

MR. JOSEPH HERBERT BLACKLOCK, J.P., of Overthorpe House, Banbury, son of the late Mr. W. T. Blacklock, J.P., of Pendleton, Lancashire, was born January 28th, 1855, and educated at Harrow and Cambridge. He commenced hunting with the Warwickshire, which he followed for a couple of seasons. From 1880 (in which year he was elected a member of the Warwickshire Hunt Club)

he has regularly followed this pack, hunting on an average four days a week, and has, in turn, visited many other packs. He has taken a very prominent part in the Warwickshire and the Heythrop Point-to-Point Races. Quicksilver, by Lord Cunningham, 16 hands, is notable in the country by his silver mane and tail; he is a bold and fearless banker.

Mrs. Blacklock is also well known in the fields of the Warwickshire and Heythrop.

Although, comparatively speaking, a recent arrival in the Warwickshire country, MR. RICHARD BRERETON was previously very well known as a follower of the Pytchley. Born near Manchester, in March, 1871, he is descended from a very old family long resident in Cheshire. Turning his attention to farming, in 1895, he took up residence in the Pytchley country, and for eleven years farmed land in the district, regularly



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MR. R. BRERETON.

hunting with that celebrated pack. In 1906, when he took the farm known as Uplands, at Upton, near Banbury, where he now resides, he became a follower of the Warwickshire, and is numbered among its most enthusiastic supporters.

CAPTAIN CHARLES VANDER BYL, 16th Lancers, was born in London in 1874, is the son of the late Philip Vander Byl, M.P., and was educated at Wellington, and Clare, Cambridge. He started hunting with the Hursley Hounds in Hampshire; but on joining his regiment in 1896 went out to India, where he devoted most of his spare time to pigsticking and other sports. He was a member of the Saharampur Tent Club, and took part in the Kadir Cup Competition, in 1899. He served with his regiment in the South African War until September, 1900, when he was severely wounded whilst scouting near Kronstadt. He was invalided home, mentioned in despatches, and received the Queen's South African medal with five clasps.

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H. Beever.

MASTER H. BEEVER.

Mr. J. H.
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**Captain C.
Vander Byl.**

He resumed hunting in Ireland, following the Dundalk Harriers and Louth Hounds for a season, and the Muskerry and Duhallow the following year when quartered at Ballincollig. He now hunts with the Warwickshire and North Warwickshire. He won the Army Point-to-Point at Burton Dassett, Warwickshire, in 1906, and at Chipping Norton in the Heythrop country in 1907, with his hunter Red Prince; two days after the latter race he won the Warwickshire Heavy-Weight Point-to-Point at Oxhill. Captain Vander Byl is a member of the Cavalry Club, and when in town lives at 52, Berkeley Square.



CAPTAIN VANDER BYL ON RED PRINCE.

**Mr. R.
Cartwright.**

MR. RALPH CARTWRIGHT, of Edgcote, Banbury, son of the late Mr. Aubrey Cartwright, one of the largest land and covert owners in the Bicester country, was educated at Eton, and afterwards joined the 7th Hussars. He has hunted principally with the Bicester, Warwickshire, and Grafton, and has, besides, always kept a few steeplechasers. In 1906 he married the widow of Captain Jock Trotter, and daughter of Mr. George Fenwick, a well-known follower of hounds.

**Mr. E.
Dalglish.**

Formerly one of the best-known figures in the Pytchley country, MR. EDWARD DALGLISH, who is the son of the late Mr. James Dalglish, was born on February 25th, 1849, in Lancashire.



MR. E. DALGLISH.

When fourteen years of age he had his first experience with harriers, since when he has hunted with all the best packs in England, notably the Pytchley, which he followed for eighteen years. Migrating to Warwickshire in 1877, he took up residence near Rugby, hunting regularly with the county pack. In 1902, he removed to The Cottage, Wellesbourne, and has since then followed the Warwickshire more especially.

Mrs. Dalglish (*née* Johnson) has been known for years as possibly our best lady rider over a country. She rides straight, with good hands, knowing no fear. Among the fine hunters which have carried her, Fisherman, Rowsham, Flirt, Chips, and Redwing are well-known performers with the Pytchley and York and Ainsty.

One of our best-known riders between the flags, Mr. Dalglish won his first race over a country the Herts County Handicap Steeplechase — when nineteen years of age.

On leaving Cambridge, Mr. Dalglish got together a small stud of hurdle-racers and steeplechasers, the best among them being Solon, Daybreak, Neptune, and Little Flo. These four all his own property, with the exception of Daybreak, which belonged to Mr. Harry Houldsworth he took with him to the Liverpool Autumn Meeting of 1875, described by him as the most successful he ever engaged in, when he won the November Handicap Hurdle Race on Solon by a head, landing at the same time a good stake; was second, beaten by a neck, on Neptune, for the Selling Hurdle Race; won the Stand Handicap Steeplechase on Little Flo, and the Grand



From a painting.

MRS. DALGLISH.

Sefton Steeplechase on Daybreak, on whose success depended a large sum of money. On the same horse, carrying a 11 lb. penalty, he won the Craven Handicap Steeplechase; after the race he took home a mare called Gazelle, who ran second, with whom he afterwards won several good races.

Mr. L.
Dalglish.

MAJOR CAMERON CHARLES DOUGLAS was born in April, 1857, entered the Cameronians in 1878, became major in 1894, and retired five years later, after holding several different posts on active service and at home.

Major C. C.
Douglas.

The first pack which he followed was the Atherstone, being blooded, at the age of seven, by that fine sportsman, Lord Curzon, at that time Master. From the Atherstone he migrated to the "H.H." and Hambledon, living near Bishop's Waltham at the time. He subsequently hunted whilst in the Army with many other packs in this country, Ireland, and Scotland.

In 1881-82 he worked the Shorncliffe Drag, running it twice a week on foot. Whilst in India he always had a "Bobbery Pack," composed of greyhounds, rampurs, and terriers for hunting fox and jackal at sight; polo, pigsticking, and shooting being his other amusements.

Since 1899 he has hunted regularly with the Warwickshire, living at Hampton Lucy.

MR. FRANK DUGDALE, of Snitterfield, near Stratford-on-Avon, second son of the late Mr. James Dugdale, of Wroxall Abbey, Warwickshire, was born in 1857, and was educated at Harrow and Oxford, where he kept a string of hunters and followed the Heythrop and the Bicester. Beginning to hunt when a boy of ten, he had his first run with the North Warwickshire in the late Mr. Oswald Milne's time, and has since occasionally hunted with the Atherstone, Mr. Fernie's, the Quorn, and the Cotswold. In 1905 he accompanied H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Equerry on his visit to India, where he had much big-game shooting with His Royal Highness. Mr. Dugdale considers Wroxall, who carried him for sixteen seasons, Buckmaster, and Lancer to be the pick of the many good horses he has owned at various times.

Mr. F.
Dugdale.

MR. RONALD H. ELGER is the son of the late Mr. Gwyn Elger, J.P., of Bricklehampton Hall, Worcestershire. He was born February 16th, 1870, and educated at Winchester, and Trinity College, Oxford. From 1880 until the end of the 1899 season he hunted with Mr. Garth's, the Hertfordshire, the Old Berkeley (East), Bicester, Heythrop, and "H.H." Since then he has transferred his allegiance to the Warwickshire. He prefers thoroughbred hunters, and has owned many good all-round performers. Among these, Pluto, by Necromancer; York, by Ascetic; Mariner, by Beckhampton; and Silver King, by Passion Flower, are all well known in the country, the last-mentioned pair being still going.

Mr. R. H.
Elger.

Mr. Elger's only other pastimes are fishing and racing. A member of the Oxford and Cambridge Club, he resides at Banbury, Oxfordshire.

MR. GEORGE ANTHONY FENWICK springs from a well-known sporting stock. His father was the late Mr. George Fenwick, who was for many years Master of the Tynedale Foxhounds, and his grandfather, Mr. Robert Fenwick, was identified with Mr. Lambton's (now the North and South Durham) Hunt for a long time. His maternal uncle was the famous sporting author of *Handley Cross*, etc., Robert Smith Surtees.

Mr. G. A.
Fenwick.

Born in October, 1840, he was at Rugby School with such sportsmen as Captain Robert Soames, the late Captain T. G. Benyon, and Captain "Doggy" Smith. Mr. Fenwick later became a partner in the banking firm of Lambton & Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Hunting began with the Durham Foxhounds during Colonel Tower's Mastership. The Tynedale Foxhounds he followed till 1893, when he took up his residence in Warwickshire; since then he has devoted himself to the Warwickshire, North Warwickshire, and Pytchley.

Mrs. Fenwick, as well as her two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Cartwright, of Edgecote, and Miss Dorothy Fenwick, are all keen to hounds.

Mr. Fenwick is a member of Boodle's and Windham Clubs, and resides at The Croft, Hillmorton, Rugby.

**Captain
R. F. K.
Gooch.**

A travelled sportsman, CAPTAIN RICHARD FRANCIS KNIGHT GOOCH has seen sport in many lands. Born September 24th, 1872, he is the son of the Rev. F. H. Gooch, M.A., J.P., of Dye House, Thursley, Godalming, Surrey. Educated at Charterhouse, he subsequently entered the Essex Regiment, and during the years 1899 to 1903 was A.D.C. to Sir West Ridgway, Governor of Ceylon. He began hunting at the age of eight, having five years' experience with the Duke of Hamilton's Harriers. Then followed five seasons with Lord Leconfield's and the Chiddingfold, four seasons with the Crawley and Horsham, and five with the Belvoir. Since 1903 he has regularly hunted with the Warwickshire.

Almost needless to say, Captain Gooch has owned some smart cattle the while. Among these Garry Owen, well up to 14 stone to hounds, won the United Hunts Race at Ingoldsby; Iscult was a winner of the Quorn Steeplechase at Loughborough; and Wild Rose II. is a recent winner.

A lover of polo, he played in several tournaments when resident in Ceylon. Successful as an exhibitor, his hunters have held their own in the show ring. Racing is among his pastimes. A member of Boodle's, he resides at Banbury, Oxfordshire.



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CAPTAIN R. F. K. GOOCH.

**Mr. K.
Gwyer.**

A Scotsman by birth, MR. KEYS GWYER, the son of Mr. Cecil Francis Gwyer, was born in March, 1878, and educated north of the Tweed. Ever since he arrived at man's estate, he has devoted the largest possible measure of his time to the enjoyment of his favourite pursuit—foxhunting. His first experience was, when about sixteen years old, with the Linlithgow and Stirlingshire, then under the Joint-Mastership of the three brothers, Sir Robert and Messrs. Frederick and Frank J. Usher. Afterwards Mr. Gwyer hunted with several other packs in his native country, but in 1898 he took up his abode at Rugby, and confined his attentions to the Pytchley, Atherstone, and Warwickshire for some seasons. Then he went to live at Wellesbourne, Warwick, and next at Ivy Lodge, Radway, Warwick, where he now resides, and has continued to hunt regularly with the Warwickshire.

Mr. Gwyer has owned some very good horses and has seen more than a little service in the saddle at local steeplechases. On the back of Credit, one of his best hunters, he won the North Warwickshire Hunt Cup at Leamington. With Brighton II. he carried off the Warwickshire Hunt Cup (owner up). Josephus, Dragoon, and Bodger were other hunters with whom Mr. Gwyer won races.

Mrs. Gwyer is also fond of hunting, and is generally to be seen in the van with the Warwickshire.



LORD ALGERNON AND MISS IVY GORDON-LENNOX.

**Lord
A. C.
Gordon-
Lennox.**

The second son of the sixth Duke of Richmond and Gordon, and Frances, eldest daughter of Algernon Frederick Greville, LORD ALGERNON CHARLES GORDON-LENNOX was born on September 19th, 1847, and educated at Eton. Entering the Royal Navy in 1862, he served three years; subsequently

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Mr. E. de Sauray, Hamilton on "Limerick"

joining the 1st Life Guards in 1867, he was transferred to the Grenadier Guards in the same year. With the 2nd Battalion of that regiment he served in the Egyptian campaign of 1882 (Medal and Khedive Star), and acted as A.D.C. to H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge from 1883 to 1895. In 1900, he went to South Africa, serving as Assistant Military Secretary to Sir Alfred Milner, and subsequently on the staff of General French, for which he obtained the medal with three clasps. He also has the Jubilee Medal, 1887. He is a colonel on the Retired List.

Lord A. C.
Gordon-
Lennox.

Beginning to hunt at Goodwood with the Duke of Richmond's Harriers when a boy, Lord Algernon had occasional turns with Lord Leonfield's Hounds; indeed, it was the late last-named good sportsman who gave him his first hunter. He has followed hounds in many parts of the globe, among those nearer home being the Meath, in Ireland, and the Cottesmore, Melton, and other leading Midland packs in England. In 1906, he took up residence at Broughton Castle, near Banbury, from which convenient headquarters he has hunted regularly with the Warwickshire, of which Hunt Club he is now a member. Among the many excellent hunters owned by him may be mentioned The Colonel and Chartreuse, both "bad to beat."

His Lordship's daughter, Miss Ivy Gordon-Lennox, is also a well-known follower of the Warwickshire. Lord Algernon is a member of the Guards', Turf, Marlborough, Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes, and other leading Clubs.

The sport of foxhunting in England proves of sufficient attraction to Mr. GILBERT DE SAUMAREZ HAMILTON to induce him to travel from his ranch in Wyoming, U.S.A., every season since 1884 to hunt with the Warwickshire from Leamington. Born in Warwickshire in 1857, he is the son of the late Mr. Gilbert Hamilton, and grandson of Mr. Thomas de Saumarez, of Saumarez Manor, Guernsey.

Mr. G. de S.
Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton's first business on coming to man's estate, after the education period spent at Rugby, was connected with banking. Such a sedentary life was, however, little calculated to suit one of his sporting tastes, and in a very short period he decided to take up ranching in the United States. Choosing Wyoming as the scene of his operations, he has, since 1881, pursued the profession with such success that he is now the owner of some 6,000 head of cattle.

As a boy with the Warwickshire and North Warwickshire Mr. Hamilton learnt to hunt, and has given his allegiance to these packs ever since, though he has had sport occasionally with the Yorkshire packs, the Pytchley, and Mr. Fernie's. He is now one of the oldest hunting members of that somewhat exclusive body, the Warwickshire Hunt Club. He is fond of shooting and fishing, and has had excellent chances for gratifying his tastes in these pastimes in Wyoming, where he has obtained some good heads, and also in Canada. Coaching is another pastime to which he has devoted considerable time, and he is now becoming a keen motorist.

Many excellent hunters have passed through Mr. Hamilton's hands, for, in view of his position as a rancher, it may be readily supposed that he is no mean judge of horseflesh. His two best hunters were Rainbow and Limerick, on the latter of whom he appears in the accompanying engraving. Mr. Hamilton is also interested in racing and golf, and is a member of the Junior Carlton Club, as well as of the Sandown Park Club and the Leamington Tennis Club. When in this country he resides at Hopton House, Leamington Spa, or Leicester House, Leamington Spa, his own property.



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MR. F. HARGREAVES.

Mr. F.
Hargreaves

A son of that good sportsman, the late Mr. John Hargreaves, of Whalley Abbey, Lancashire, and Maiden Erlegh, Reading, who was for twenty-five years Master of the South Berkshire Hounds (and of whom notes will be found under that Hunt in the South-Western Section of this work), Mr. FRANK HARGREAVES was born in Yorkshire in 1873, and was

**Mr. F.
Hargreaves**

educated at Eton and Cambridge University. His father's pack was naturally the one to give him his first experience of foxhunting as a very small boy, which he widened later on by days with the Garth and other packs of the neighbourhood. For a couple of seasons he directed the fortunes of the Cambridgeshire Harriers, and is now a prominent member of the Warwickshire Hunt. His clubs are the Carlton and the Orleans.

**Mr. E.
Horlick.**

The name of Mr. ERNEST HORLICK is another that may legitimately be enrolled among those of the legion of good all-round sportsmen of which this country can boast. Born in America in February, 1880, he is the son of Mr. James Horlick. Wellington, and Christ Church, Oxford, were his school and college, and while domiciled at the latter seat of learning he was enabled to enjoy his three days a week either with the Bicester or South Oxfordshire. He was originally blooded, however, when fifteen years old, with the Cotswold, during Major de Freville's Mastership, since when he has participated in many a run with the "V.W.H." and the Beaufort; he has also had some good days over the cream of the famous grass countries.

Four years ago Mr. Horlick took up his present quarters at Diana Lodge, Kington, from whence he hunts regularly with the Warwickshire packs. A keen golfer, he has played the game almost since he could wield a "driver," and he is also very partial to both rod and gun. Not many motorists have put to their credit a greater number of miles than Mr. Horlick can claim to have traversed in his principal car. He is a member of the Bath Club, Dover Street, and when in London resides at 36, Elvaston Place, S.W.

**Mr. H. M.
Joynson.**

MR. HAROLD MEAD JOYNSON, who was born on February 23rd, 1868, and educated at Rugby, is the son of Mr. Tertius Joynson, J.P., of Liscard, Cheshire. He married Miss Gascoven Weaver, formerly of Yatton Court, Aymestrey, Herefordshire. Beginning to hunt as a boy of eight years of age on a donkey, he first saw sport with the Cheshire. For the last four seasons he has hunted four or five days a week with the Warwickshire, Heythrop, and Bicester.

In 1884, when residing at Wirral, Cheshire, he bred bassethounds for show purposes. He used to hunt a drag on foot. Afterwards he rode to them with ponies, but, finding them too fast for the pack, he bought harriers. The latter he found in turn too fast for the ponies, and therefore purchased horses. The pace of the horses again being beyond the powers of the harrier, he invested in foxhounds. A drag club was subsequently formed to hunt this pack, but it is now extinct.

Mr. Joynson considers the best hunter he has owned was Irish Lass (15.3), by Ireland, dam by Largan (2091 H.S.B.); she carried him for seven seasons. Mermaid (16.1½) is still going. She is by Grand National, by Isobar, dam by Glendyne, by Blair Athol. She is well up to



**Mr. C. L.
Kendall.**

Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. C. L. KENDALL.

14 stone 7 lbs., and he has already ridden her two seasons. The Gem he has ridden for seven seasons; he is a good, clever, all-round performer. In addition to these, Mr. Joynson has bred several for his own use.

He formerly owned "*Minetta*," a twenty-three ton racing yacht, with which he won prizes in handicap classes. His hobby is hunting, but he fills up spare time shooting, fishing, and motoring. He resides at Springfields, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

MR. CHARLES L. KENDALL, the son of Mr. William Kendall, was born in April, 1854. He comes of an old family of agriculturists, who have farmed land in Yorkshire for generations. Living in that county of broad acres until 1897, he then took a farm some 300 or 400 acres in extent at Walton, near Warwick, where he has since resided.

He began following hounds at the age of eighteen, initial experiences being with the pack

kept by Sir Harcourt Vanden Bempde-Johnstone (now Lord Derwent). Upon his arrival at Walton he became a follower of the Warwickshire, varying matters by an occasional day with the Bicester and Cotswold.

Mr. C. L.
Kendall.

Taking a keen interest in point-to-point racing, he has had his fair share of successes. An enthusiastic lover of a good horse, three of his best hunters were Alveston, Jane, and Moreton Lass. Mr. Kendall, who is a popular farmer in his district, resides at Mount Pleasant, Walton, near Warwick.

The Leas of Leicestershire can be traced for many generations as scientific agriculturists. MR. JOHN WALTER LEA, our subject, who is the son of the late Mr. John Lea, was born in February, 1854, at Orton-on-the-Hill. Taking his first lesson in farming under his father, he subsequently assumed the management of a small farm near the paternal acres. In 1879, he removed to Thelsford, in the Warwickshire country, where he has since resided, and now farms between 600 and 700 acres.

Mr. J. W.
Lea.

Beginning to hunt at the age of fourteen with the Atherstone, he continued with that and neighbouring packs until migrating to Thelsford, since which time he has regularly followed the



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MR. J. A. MCCLEAN.

Warwickshire. There is one first-class covert on his land, which is Fir Tree Hill, affording a pretty sure find. Among the many good hunters he has owned probably the best were Starlight, who won the Warwickshire Hunt Point-to-Point Race in 1884, and The Colonel. Recognized as a first-class judge of horses, he has acted in that capacity at various of our principal shows throughout the kingdom.

His first wife was a Miss Canning, a member of the great hunting family of that name.

A native of Australia, MR. JOHN ALEXANDER McCLEAN, who was born in July, 1866, is the son of Mr. John Donald McClean, of Westwood, Queensland. Brought to this country at an early age, he ultimately was educated at Eton and Oxford, eventually obtaining a commission in the 5th Lancers. With that corps he served for seven years from 1889, and whilst in India he did a lot

Mr. J. A.
McClean.

of pig-sticking. The Wells Subscription Harriers was the pack with which Mr. McClean gained first experiences in his youth, and he later on hunted with the Blackmore Vale, and its near neighbours, the Cattistock and Lord Portman's. A dozen years ago he took up his abode at his present address, The Hermitage, Bloxham, Banbury, which being very handy for meets both of the Warwickshire and the Heythrop, he has followed these packs fairly regularly ever since.

Mr. McClean is a member of the Warwickshire Hunt Club, the Leander, and the Naval and Military. James Pigg and Goldfinch are two of the best hunters out of many really good animals that Mr. McClean has owned.

MAJOR HENRY COMPTON MAUL, J.P. for Oxfordshire, eldest son of the late Mr. John Compton Maul, J.P., of The Lodge, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, was born on October 6th, 1850. His education took place at Radley College, and Rugby.

At Radley he was a prominent figure in the cricket and football teams, and in later years he was



MAJOR H. C. MAUL.

Major H.
C. Maul.

Major H. C. Maul. Captain of the Warwickshire Cricket Eleven for two seasons. He played also in Lord Harris' team in Australia in 1879.

On leaving school, he entered the Royal Bucks King's Own Militia, now the 3rd Oxfordshire Light Infantry, from which he retired with the rank of Major. In 1883, he married Mary Essex, daughter of the late Captain Henry William Selby Lowndes, 15th King's Hussars.

At the age of six years he was following the Grafton Hounds, and was blooded by the late Captain Robert Arkwright, of the Oakley Hunt. Later, he hunted with the Whaddon Chase. Twenty-five years ago he began to hunt with the Warwickshire, sport being varied by occasional days with the Heythrop, Lord Rothschild's, the North Staffordshire, Essex and Suffolk, the late Duke of Hamilton's Harriers, and the North Bucks Otterhounds, when they were hunted by the late Rev. Charles Selby Lowndes, familiarly known as "The Bishop."

Major Maul has been a member of the Warwickshire Hunt Club since 1897. His London clubs are the Wellington and Primrose. He resides at Horley House, Banbury, Oxfordshire, and possesses landed estates both in that county and in Warwickshire.

Mr. T. A. Motion.

Born in September, 1864, at Carshalton, Surrey, Mr. THOMAS AUGUSTUS MOTION is the son of the late Mr. Richard Motion, of that place. Choosing a commercial career, Mr. Motion, after finishing his studies, entered his father's business. He began hunting with the Surrey Staghounds at the age of eighteen, and subsequently enlarged his experience with various packs in Essex, also with the Whaddon Chase and Pytchley. In 1899, he took up residence at Chadshunt, near Kington, and became a regular follower of the Warwickshire, of which Hunt Club he is now a member. Many useful hunters have been sheltered in his stable. Of these, mention must be made of Templar, Scandal, and The Witch.

An all-round sportsman, shooting is among his favourite sports; he is attached to the Warwickshire Yeomanry. His residence, Chadshunt, is excellently situated for the Warwickshire Hunt fixtures. He is a member of the Cavalry Club.



DR. L. J. H. OLDMEADOWS.

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DR. LLOYD JOHN HOLLES OLDMEADOWS, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., son of Dr. Oldmeadows, was born in 1870, at Hobart, Tasmania. The family for the last five generations have belonged to the medical profession. He first hunted with the Hobart Drag Hounds, and has been a member of the Warwickshire for five years.



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CAPTAIN F. OSBORNE.

Capt. F. Osborne.

The Warwickshire Hunt Club possesses a prominent member in the person of CAPTAIN FRANK OSBORNE, of The Hall, Harbury, Leamington. This good sportsman was born on October 4th, 1847, in New South Wales, and twenty years later obtained a commission in the 13th Hussars, retiring with a captaincy after ten years' service.

It was with the Warwickshire that Captain Osborne first commenced hunting as a small boy, and he has kept to his "first love" ever since, for in 1890 he took up his residence at The Grange, Radway, Kington, which is an excellent centre for this Hunt, and some years later he moved to his present address. From here he gets the Pytchley, Bicester, and North Warwickshire as well, but devotes most of his time to the Warwickshire of his youth.

The Captain has owned some good hunters, several of which have been first past the post at country steeplechases. Of the various horses that he has possessed, Black Friar was, undoubtedly the best representative. While on a visit to his native land in 1881-82, Captain Osborne won the Sydney Derby and St. Leger with Wheatear.

For the rest, he is a good shot, takes an interest in most sports, is a member of the Naval and Military Club, and has imbued Mrs. Osborne and her two sons with the same love of foxhunting that he himself possesses in so marked a degree.

Capt. F.
Osborne.

CAPTAIN ROBERT PAUL, R.N., of The Highlands, Tadmarton, son of the late Mr. Henry Paul, is a consistent supporter of the Warwickshire Foxhounds. He has hunted with many packs at various times, but has associated himself mostly with the Heythrop and the Warwickshire.

Capt. R.
Paul.



MEET OF THE WARWICKSHIRE HOUNDS AT CAPTAIN PAUL'S RESIDENCE,
THE HIGHLANDS, TADMARTON.

Durham, who resided at Usworth Hall, county Durham. Our subject, who is a J.P. for his county, and Lord of the Manor of Mandeville, was educated at Eton, and subsequently entered the 4th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and retired with the rank of captain in 1900. In 1888, he married Anna Lily Frances, eldest daughter of Mr. A. G. Rouse-Boughton-Knight, of Downton Castle, near Ludlow.

Beginning to hunt with the Forfarshire Foxhounds at the early age of nine, he frequently had to travel some fifteen miles to a meet. With this pack he had four years' experience, and afterwards hunted with Lord Leconfield's, the Crawley and Horsham, Lord Portman's, the Blackmore Vale, and others, both fox and stag. Taking up his residence in the Bicester country in 1883, he regularly followed that pack, the Warwickshire, and the Grafton, besides taking turns with other leading hunts in the Midlands. In Ireland the Meath, West Meath, Louth, and Kildare claimed his suffrage.

Taking up racehorse and hunter breeding in 1883, he has been most successful, more especially at hunt meetings. He owns a first-class stallion in St. Andrew, by Ascetic, dam by Tartan, grand-dam a Toxophilite mare. St. Andrew was formerly the property of Lord Yarborough of Brocklesby. He also possesses a first-rate Zoedone mare. Among his notable hunters, British Sailor, ridden by Mr. E. A. Downer, won the Leamington Hunt Cup in 1885, and Old Times, which was one of the best all-round performers he ever knew, carried him for sixteen seasons.

Mrs. Peareth, on her favourite white horse, Napoleon, is one of the best-known figures with the Bicester and the Grafton, and is acknowledged to be a most accomplished horsewoman. Her two daughters, Margaret and Violet, are worthy followers in her footsteps.

For centuries a county family of Cumberland, a branch of the de Penreth family settled at Newcastle-on-Tyne in the reign of Henry II. Sir John de Penreth, Knight, was slain at the battle of Tynebridge, fought against the Scots, in 1171. Leland, in his account of that battle, says: "Sir John de Penreth (a young gentleman of the King's Chamber) was sore wounded, and, being borne down in the press, perished from loss of blood and lack of help." Hercules Peareth, who married Elizabeth French in 1576, and had one son, was a descendant of this ancient family.

Mr. W. G.
Peareth.

MR. WILLIAM GEORGE PEARETH was born on March 12th, 1862, and is the son of the late Captain Peareth, High Sheriff of

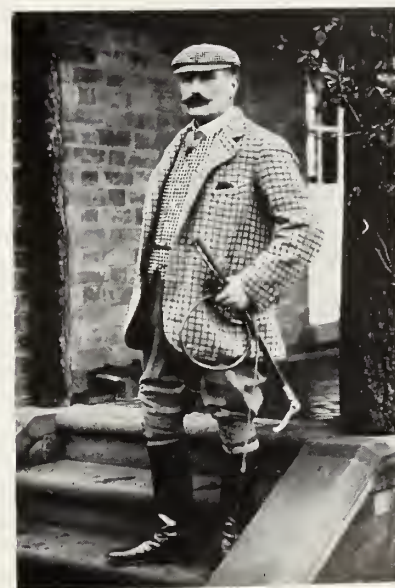


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MR. W. G. PEARETH.

**Mr. W. G.
Peareth.**

Mr. Peareth is a member of Boodle's and other clubs, and, in addition to Usworth Hall, owns The Manor House, Thorpe Mandeville, Banbury, and Princethorpe, Warwick, together with the famous Ladbroke Gorse, one of the best coverts in Warwickshire.

**Mr. F. W.
Polehampton.**

MR. FREDERICK WILLIAM POLEHAMPTON was born in June, 1873, in Sussex, and educated privately. In his boyhood he hunted with the Bridge, and subsequently with the neighbouring packs, the Southdown and Surrey Staghounds.

Experience with the Grafton, Pytchley, Duke of Beaufort's, and "V.W.H." followed, as well as sport in Ireland with the Meath, Kildare, Galway, and Duhallow packs.

In 1902, he took up his residence at Burton Dassett, and has since hunted regularly with the Warwickshire Hounds.

Mr. Polehampton has owned some useful 'chasers and flat racers. Miss Clifton won for him the National Hunt Steeplechase of 1,000 sovs., whilst Duke's Seal, Hurry On, Snaledale, Night Attack, and Empress placed several wins to his credit. Of his hunters, Buccleuch (purchased from the Duke of Buccleuch), Gypsy Jack, and Barney were all well known. Mr. Polehampton is a keen shot and polo player.



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MR. F. W. POLEHAMPTON.

**Mr. H. M.
Pratt.**

The son of the late Mr. Spencer Pratt, J.P. for the county of Northamptonshire, who resided at Stanwick House, Higham Ferrers, Mr. HENRY MONTAGUE PRATT was born on April 28th, 1857.

Educated at Rugby, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, he, upon completing his course at the latter seat of learning, migrated to Ceylon. There he studied coffee planting from a scientific standpoint, subsequently purchasing a coffee plantation in India, where he turned his knowledge to practical account.

His early experiences of hunting were obtained as a boy of eight, when he began to follow the Fitzwilliam and Oakley. With these packs he hunted fourteen seasons. After his return to England in 1901, he became a member of the Warwickshire Hunt, of which he has since been a regular follower, with the exception of occasional visits to the Heythrop, Cottesmore, Pytchley, and Sir Watkin Wynn's.

During his sojourn in India, he not only went in enthusiastically for polo and pig-sticking, but hunted with the Maharajah of Mysore's Foxhounds, and the harrier pack kept by Mr. Murray Aynsley, of Coorg.

Mr. Pratt has owned many notable hunters in his time, and two of the best are still in his stable. These are Exchange, an Irish horse (16.1), and The Old Horse (16.2), a very capable performer well up to 15 stone with hounds; the latter originally belonged to Lord Valentia.



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MR. H. M. PRATT.

Mr. Pratt, who is a member of the Isthmian Club, and several leading clubs in India, resides at The Cottage, Alkerton, Banbury.

Mr. P. C. PUCKLE built his present house, Pitteen Hill, near Kington, in 1901; it is an excellent centre for all the Warwickshire meets. He always has a large number of horses in the stable, and is never averse to a deal. He is a member of the Warwickshire Hunt Club.

Mr. P. C.
Puckle.



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MRS. PUCKLE.

Mr. BROOKE ROBINSON is the late Unionist Member for Dudley, from which position, after twenty years' service, he voluntarily retired at the last election. His father, Mr. William Robinson, was a leading solicitor of Dudley, and a Deputy Lieutenant for Worcestershire. The son, who is the subject of these notes, was born on September 11th, 1836. Mr. Brooke Robinson's earliest recollections of hunting are with the Al-brighton Hounds, and he has contrived to enjoy this sport up to this, his seventy-third year.

Mr. B.
Robinson.

At one time Mr. Robinson was an officer of the Worcestershire Yeomanry. He is also a magistrate for Warwickshire, and a member of that Hunt Club. He lives at Barford House, Warwick, a picturesquely

situated residence on the banks of the Avon, his town address is 26, Chapel Street, S.W., and his clubs are the Carlton and Junior Carlton.

Mr. JOHN FREDERICK STARKEY, J.P., D.L. (County Alderman, Vice-Chairman of District Council, and late High Sheriff for the county of Oxfordshire), was born April 11th, 1839, and is the son of the late Mr. John Starkey, J.P., of Huddersfield. He was educated at Rugby, and started hunting with the late Lord Middleton's Foxhounds, in Yorkshire, which he followed for five seasons. Since 1859, however, he has been a regular follower of the Warwickshire Foxhounds, and is one of the oldest members of the Warwickshire Hunt Club. In addition to deerstalking in Scotland, Mr. Starkey has had sport with the Bicester, Heythrop, Grafton, North Warwickshire, and the Pytchley.

Mr. Starkey is a keen yachtsman and is the owner of the schooner "*Pantomime*," 153 tons, with which he has won many prizes (winning nineteen out of twenty starts). He is a member of the Windham Club and lives at Bodicote House, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

His daughters, the Misses Emily, Rosamond, and Olive (as well as his son, Mr. J. H. Starkey, of the Rifle Brigade, now stationed in India), are equally well known in the Warwickshire, the Bicester, and the Heythrop country as very accomplished riders.



Mr. J. F.
Starkey.

MR. J. F. STARKEY.



From a painting in the possession of Mr. R. Lant.

MEET OF THE NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AT KENILWORTH CASTLE IN 1868.

THE NORTH WARWICKSHIRE.

THE old Warwickshire country being too extensive for one pack in the days before railways, Lord Middleton gave up a portion of the northern part, which remained almost unhunted, except for an occasional visit of the Atherstone, till Mr. Robert Vyner, of Eathorpe, took the country in 1834, with the support of Mr. Bolton King, of Umberslade, and other country gentlemen. The Warwickshire reserved the right to resume the country at will. Thirty couples of hounds were established in kennels at Solihull, where Mr. Vyner lived, and George Gardner was first whip. Leamington and Birmingham supported him as well, and he soon removed his hounds to that rising Spa. As a Rugby boy, Mr. Vyner had followed Mr. Muster's hounds on foot, and, indeed, he made hunting his life study. Mr. Shaw Hellier (1838-43) brought the best blood into the kennel, and, though a heavy-weight, hunted hounds himself. He moved the kennels to Milverton.

Mr. Wilson, of Gamley (1843-45), came next, and when he retired, the pack ceased to exist for a period of ten years.

In 1850, Captain Thomson of the Atherstone agreed to hunt a part of the country as far as Hampton Coppice, Stourbridge, and Packington, leaving the rest to be hunted by the Warwickshire, which had to provide hounds and horses for hunting six days a week. Birmingham helped the Atherstone with extra subscriptions for this purpose.

In 1853, Mr. Selby Lowndes came for two seasons, and restored the North Warwickshire Hunt to its former position. (The family are dealt with under the Whaddon Chase.)

Mr. Baker (1855-62) succeeded. He was a Shropshire man, and a sportsman from his boyhood. For two seasons he hunted the hounds himself, and then took Peter, known as "the canary," from his voice, as huntsman. Mr. Baker had played the game all round in Shropshire, and he had been twenty years a Master of Hounds—first in Wales, his native country, with the Wheatland, the Shropshire, and the Albrighton. His best hounds were Why Not, Hotspur, Hannibal, and Manager. Why Not was by a bloodhound out of a Belvoir bitch; for years she hunted with a shot belt round her neck to prevent her outpacing her companions. She once had a litter of sixteen.

Mr. Baker, who was a charming man in every way, had to resign from ill-health in 1862, and died in 1865 of consumption, having worn himself out with hunting.

Among well-known followers in 1860-70, we may mention Lord Mountgarrett, Lord Leigh, Major Richards, Captain Percival, and Messrs. Beard, Montgomery, W. Martyn, Darby, and Glover, and Mrs. George.

Mr. Oswald Milne succeeded Mr. Baker (1862-69), forming his pack with drafts from the York and Ainsty, Bramham Moor, Lord Fitzhardinge's, and other kennels, which proved a great success in the field and at the Birmingham hound shows.

Mr. Lant (1869-84) bought the pack, and well sustained the reputation of the Hunt.



From a picture in the possession of Mr. H. W. Selby Lowndes.

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W. SELBY LOWNDES.

R. TURRELL (FIRST WHIP).

Firr, who came from the Pytchley, did so well from the first under Mr. Lant, that *Baily's Magazine*, of February, 1870, prophesied that before many years he would be quite at the head of his profession. Mr. Pennington, of Rugby, was the owner of Hillmorton Gorse, which Brooksby's *Hunting Countries of England*, 1882, considers better than any covert in the shires when it holds a fox that will go, no matter where, as there is a smooth grass country in every direction. *Baily's Magazine*, in 1870, tells us, "He fenced this grand covert, imported Scottish foxes, and looked after them with paternal care." Mr. Bulling, of Tofit, at the same date used to look after Banker's Hill, another good covert in that district.

The country near Birmingham is a good grass country, and foxes were well preserved there in 1882, thanks to Mr. Williams, the author and composer of "We'll all go a-hunting to-day," the most popular hunting song of the time. He, as Secretary of the Birmingham District, used to work literally night and day for the preservation of foxes, for he often drove his dog-cart out on a moon-light night to watch litters of cubs. The regular Hunt horses did not come to this district, but the Master, huntsman, and whips were mounted by Joseph Page, and afterwards by G. R. Hunt, of Edgbaston.

From 1884 to 1888, Mr. Lort Phillips was Master. A native of Pembrokeshire, he will be more particularly referred to under the Hunt of that county, of which he became Master in the latter year. He was succeeded by Mr. Ashton (1888-94). Lord Algernon Percy and Mr. Arkwright followed in partnership (1894-1901). In 1901, Mr. J. P. Arkwright became Master, being joined in 1906 by Lord Algernon Percy. The latter resigned in the following year, and Mr. J. P. Arkwright again resumed sole control, but resigned two years later, being followed by the present Master, the Hon. A. E. Parker.

The North Warwickshire hunt three days before Christmas, and four days after; there is a guaranteed subscription of £2,000 a year. Their Monday country after Christmas lies near Birmingham, and towards Tamworth; Solihull, Knowle, Bickenhill, Elmdon, Castle Bromwich, Hockley, and Umberslade are some of their meets. Tuesday country is between Kenilworth and Coventry, and also includes the Forest of Arden—pretty, but not sporting. Tile Hill and Stoneleigh, the scene of the opening meet for many years, Woodcote, Cubbington Gate, Princethorpe, Bubbenhall, and Ryton are good meets in this wooded country. On Wednesdays, or perhaps Fridays, they are in the west centre of their country, and Berkswell, Wroxall, Honily, Claverdon, Wootton Waven, and Packwood are favourite meets. The Thursday or Rugby country is the best, with meets far but good—Rugby, Bilton Grange, Dunchurch, and Cawston.

Mr. R. T.
Vyner,
—Master,
1834-38.

Descendant of an ancient family settled in Gloucestershire in the time of Richard II., Thomas Vyner, a twin brother of Daniel, Lord Mayor of London, 1653, was knighted by Oliver Cromwell. It was William Vyner, who was baptized on January 31st, 1570, who purchased an estate at Eathorpe, Warwickshire, and from him was descended directly that Mr. ROBERT THOMAS VYNER the subject of our notes. Born on December 16th, 1804, Mr. Vyner married, in 1839, Emily, daughter of Mr. James Oswin, and died without issue on April 6th, 1879. Educated at Rugby and Oxford University, Mr. Vyner took his degree at the latter seat of learning in 1829. A lover of sports and athletics from his youth up, he as a young man was proficient in most of the better fields of sport and pastime. This remark applies more especially to foxhunting. "Young Vyner," said Mr. Musters, "will some day be the best huntsman in England. I never met with a man who was so good a judge of hounds in their work as he is." On the other hand, it is as well to quote Mr. Vyner on Mr. Musters in order to show how fully these two able critics of the finer points in the noble science appreciated each other. Writing of Mr. Musters, Mr. Vyner says, "A sportsman of the most distinguished celebrity, deservedly placed at the head of the list of all huntsmen, whether amateur or professional."

It may be said that Mr. Vyner had studied foxhunting almost from his infancy, and it must be added that Mr. Musters proved to be a true prophet, as he came to be known as the best amateur huntsman of his day. The literary side of the sport also owes his memory a tribute, and as the author of *Notitia Venatica* he contributed one of the ablest practical treatises on foxhunting which our

libraries can possibly contain. This by no means exhausted his repertory, as under the *nom de plume* of "Actæon" he enriched our periodical press and sporting newspapers with many bright contributions. No reference to Mr. Vyner would be complete without mention of the fact that he not only hunted in Great Britain, but also visited the continent of Europe in order to become personally acquainted with the methods in vogue there when hunting stag, wild boar, and wolf. Two years of the time was passed in France, during which he hunted with the Marquess de MacMahon, Count de Rochefoucauld, and the Count d'Ambrojaques.

Mr. R. T.
Vyner.

In his opinion, the excellence of the large holding woods of Warwickshire of his day was not only of the highest importance for breaking young hounds in cubhunting, but formed the finest nurseries for foxes, only being equalled by those of the Woodland Pychley.

It may be remarked that, although Mr. Vyner did not become Master of a pack until 1831, he had been a consistent follower of the Warwickshire from boyhood. Thus he writes: "On this day (September 5th, 1821) one of the best runs I ever knew in my life took place with the Warwickshire Hounds. It was an accident, as the fox broke away, and the men were not mounted to go with them, and consequently could not stop them. They found at five o'clock in the morning at the Bull and Butcher Wood, six miles from Coventry, and killed at Crick, in Northamptonshire—fifteen miles from point to point. The pace was tremendous, and no one who started with the hounds was up at the finish except William Boxall, who was then first whipper-in. There were nearly fifty couples of hounds out, seventeen and a-half couples of which were of that year's entry, and had only been out four times before that day."

In 1838, Mr. Vyner took over the Holderness country, where he continued to show that his right hand had not forgotten its cunning. Living in the greatest retirement with his wife, to whom he was devotedly attached, Mr. Vyner was beloved by all, more especially those who had hunted with him. He died in his seventy-fifth year, and was buried with his ancestors in the churchyard at Wappenbury, Warwick, in the vicinity of those ancient woods he had often hunted so well.

MR. THOMAS SHAW HELLIER, of Woodhouse, Warwickshire, had previously kept a pack of harriers at one of his seats in Staffordshire. A most enthusiastic sportsman, he had made Leamington his winter hunting quarters for many years, and was therefore well acquainted with the country. Possessed of abundant means, Mr. Hellier, although a 17-stone man, was very bad to beat over a country, and entered upon his duties quite oblivious of the question of subscriptions. He and his Hunt servants were splendidly mounted, and he hunted the hounds himself; but, as "Cecil" says, "The large fields attendant upon these Hounds whenever they met at any of the favourite fixtures in the Dimchurch country afforded ample proofs of the estimation in which they were held."

Mr. T. S.
Hellier
—Master,
1838-43.

Nothing puts the perseverance of hounds and the patience of huntsmen to a stronger test than short-running, dodging foxes, which appear to have no point to make for; in hunting them Mr. Hellier excelled. Leamington, a gigantic town for the times, turned out many good sportsmen, but there were others. Some of these latter would seem to have come out on parade only, and proved great obstacles to sport, as usual, by pressing on hounds when they could not run, and generally going home when they could. They would seem to have proved so troublesome to Mr. Hellier that, when, in 1843, the Southwold country became vacant, he removed his hounds into Lincolnshire, in reality to enjoy the quiet of a country where the *nouveaux riches* could not be constantly riding over them. Succeeding Mr. Musters in the district was no easy task, but in his new country Mr. Hellier found the sporting traditions of the district of the best, his field including tenant farmers, who turned up in force and were sportsmen to a man, this, too, notwithstanding the fact that many of the farms were some thousands of acres in extent, and required a great deal of keeping up. Almost needless to say, Mr. Hellier got on in first-rate style with them, and continued to show excellent sport for nine seasons, until his retirement in 1852.

A squire of the old school, Mr. GEORGE BAKER was by no means inclined to limit expenses when sport was at the fore. If subscriptions were wanting, he supplied the necessary money

Mr. G.
Baker
—Master,
1855-62.

Mr. G.
Baker.

from his purse. We must allow a happier pen to tell the story. Thus in *Notitia Venatica* we read of Mr. Baker: "It was during this gentleman's period of Mastership that the North Warwickshire achieved the distinction of having attracted the largest concourse that ever assembled at a hunt fixture.

"At the end of 1860 there was great distress amongst the weavers of Coventry, and on February 25th, 1861, Mr. Baker, at urgent request, but on the part of whom does not transpire,



MR. GEORGE BAKER.

met at Coventry Station in order that the distressed weavers of that place might be provided with a little amusement, though how this was to operate towards alleviating the distress is not quite clear. Nevertheless, it was estimated that between 30,000 and 40,000 were present. Then came a further request that the Master should parade the hounds for the benefit of the ladies present, and to this he good-naturedly assented, the pack being walked through a dense crowd of persons. The first draw was at Stivechall, about two miles from Coventry, and the whole route was lined by foot people, of which one-third were women. There happened to be a fox at Stivechall, and it is needless to say that it was

chopped. After the sacrifice to 'urgent request,' the hounds were taken with all speed to Chase Woods.

"Mr. Baker's pack, it should be noticed, had a somewhat curious origin. Mr. George Forester, of Willey Park, kept hounds for about thirty years, partly in the last century and partly in the present one. When he gave them up, the farmers round about formed a trencher-fed pack, and a short time afterwards, helped by Sir Richard Acton, some bloodhounds were brought wherewith to hunt any deer which might escape from the park. They were, however, taken out foxhunting as well; by way of further strengthening the pack, Lord Forester procured some bitches from the Duke of Rutland, which were crossed with the bloodhounds, and their descendants were hunting as late as about 1828. Then the rough-haired Welsh hound was introduced. Eventually these became the Wheatland pack, of which Mr. Baker was Master, and when he left Shropshire for North Warwickshire he brought his hounds with him.

"For the first two seasons Mr. Baker hunted his hounds himself, and showed capital sport, but failing health compelled him to hand over his horn to a professional in the person of Peter Williamson. A bad attack of bronchitis followed, and from November 16th, 1860, to February 1st, 1861, Mr. Baker was not able to leave his house. During his illness Mr. Oswald Milne acted as his deputy, and succeeded him in the Mastership in the spring of 1862. In May of that year Mr. Baker's hounds were sold by Tattersall, forty couples realizing £750, thus making an average of about £19 per couple."



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MR. R. LANT.

Mr. R.
Lant
=Master,
1869-84.

MR. RICHARD LANT, J.P., Chairman of the Coventry County Bench of Magistrates, is the son of the late Mr. Richard Lant, of Nailcote Hall, near Coventry.

Early in life he purchased a pack of harriers which he kept and hunted at his own expense. Mr. Oswald Milne, having finished his Mastership of the North Warwickshire, Mr. Lant was unanimously requested by the members and sportsmen of the district to take over the pack. This he consented to do, and for no less than fifteen seasons showed splendid sport. Upon his retirement

he was succeeded by Mr. Lort Phillips, but still continues a member of the Hunt; being on the Committee and one of the oldest members, his advice upon difficult points is most valuable.

**Mr. R.
Lant.**

He feels justly proud of the fact that when he gave up the Mastership of the North Warwickshire the kennels contained fifty couples of first-class hounds, all bred by himself, and walked by the sport-loving farmers of the Hunt.

A hard, fast, and fearless rider, he has owned some capital hunters, more especially suited for the grass country in the Rugby district. Special mention must be made of Tommy and Cock Robin, the latter purchased from Mr. Derby, of Rugby, two of the finest hunters, both of which he rode five seasons. Field sports and pastimes, especially archery, occupy much of his attention. One of the oldest members of the Drapers' Company, his country seat is Nailcote Hall, near Coventry.

THE HON. ALEXANDER EDWARD PARKER, the eighth surviving son of the sixth Earl of Macclesfield, was born in 1861. He accepted the Mastership of the North Warwickshire on the retirement of Mr. J. P. Arkwright in 1908. In 1896 he married Winifred, the daughter of Mr. A. O. Workington, of Maple Hayes, Staffordshire. Mr. Parker is a member of the Junior Carlton Club, and resides at Norton Curlieu, Warwick.

**The Hon. A.
E. Parker
—present
Master.**

The Honorary Secretary of the Hunt is Mr. G. H. NITTING, of Beausale, near Warwick.

**Mr. G. H.
Nutting
—Hon. Sec.**

A severe accident with which he met while following the North Warwickshire hounds not long since has compelled Mr. WALTER BARNETT to give up hunting, but at his residence at Bilton Hall, near Rugby, he still retains his interest in all kinds of sport, and has bred a few excellent thorough-breeds; among the best he has owned are Mrs. Grundy (winner of many steeplechases), and her promising five-year-old son Master-at-Arms, who has already won six races.

**Mr. W.
Barnett.**

Mr. Walter Barnett is the son of Mr. John Barnett, of Meopham Court, Kent. He was born in 1865, and educated at Charterhouse and Cambridge. The West Kent Hounds were his "introduction" to foxhunting, after which came six seasons with the Cheshire from his quarters at Nantwich. During the Masterships of Mr. (now Colonel) Beale Colvin and of Mr. Percy Whitaker, of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt, Mr. Barnett officiated as Honorary Secretary to that pack. Heyford Grange, Weedon, Northamptonshire, was Mr. Barnett's hunting residence with the Grafton, and in 1898, he migrated to the North Warwickshire country, in which he now lives.

He considers that his big grey horse, Curlew, was one of the best hunters he ever rode; this good horse gave him very few falls during ten seasons' hunting. His club is the New Club.



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MR. W. BARNETT.

The son of the late Mr. Robert Berkeley, J.P., D.L., of Spetchley Park, Worcester, MAJOR HENRY WILLIAM BERKELEY was born on February 24th, 1831, and educated at Stoneyhurst and London University. Adopting the profession of arms, he was gazetted to the 3rd Dragoon Guards in 1853, and shortly afterwards saw active service through the Indian Mutiny during the campaign of 1857-59. More hard fighting followed some ten years later, when he served with his regiment in Abyssinia. In 1872 he married Catherine, daughter of the late Mr. George Forde Copeland, of Bayshill, Gloucestershire, retiring from the Army a couple of years later, as major of his regiment.

**Major H.W.
Berkeley**

A "Ximrod" from his youth up, he began hunting as a small boy with the Worcestershire Foxhounds, with which pack he had a few seasons' experience. Ordered to India with his regiment, he then took the opportunity of indulging in plenty of big-game shooting and pigsticking, and upon his return to England, taking up his residence in Worcestershire, he hunted with the Worcester

Major H. W. Berkeley.

pack, when under the Mastership of Mr. Ames. Subsequently he followed the Duke of Beaufort's and Mr. Spicer's for something like ten seasons, but since 1891 has been a regular attendant at the North Warwickshire fixtures. Among his favourite hunters, Matchlock, an extremely fine "timber topper," was bred by himself. Sunbeam, a most brilliant hunter, once the property of Sir Gerald Dease, he purchased from the West Meath Hunt. Fusilier, at present in his stable, an Irish-bred horse, 15.3, he describes as "a very safe conveyance." He varies sport with the North Warwickshire by occasional days with the Pytchley and other flying packs in the Midlands.

He is a member of the Army and Navy Club, and resides at Fieldgate House, Kenilworth.

Mr. A. Brocas-Clay.*Photo by Elliott and Fry.***MAJOR H. W. BERKELEY.**

Both he and his wife are devoted to hunting. Mr. Brocas-Clay's first pack was the Shropshire, afterwards the North Warwick, Atherstone, and Pytchley. He is interested in breeding hunters and polo ponies, which he has carried on successfully for fifteen years, and was one of those who originated the Rugby Polo Club. A chestnut horse, Crusader, is the best he ever had, and a black horse, Border Chieftain, is another he values. Call Boy is the best horse Mrs. Brocas-Clay has ridden, and is still her favourite hunter.

Dr. R. Bullock.

Born in Warwick on November 7th, 1862, Dr. ROGER BULLOCK is the son of the late Dr. T. W. Bullock, of Warwick.

After finishing his general studies, he turned his attention to the science of medicine, took his degrees at Birmingham University, and settling at Warwick, has been one of that town's best-known practitioners for the last twenty years. His father, who had hunted with the Duke of Beaufort's and the Warwickshire packs, early initiated him in the pleasures of the chase. More especially was this the case with the North Warwickshire, and our subject, who is well known in the country, has hunted with the pack for many years. During this period he has owned some excellent hunters, and participated in some of the best runs. A keen and enthusiastic sportsman, he took an active interest in all forms of manly recreation in his early days. Dr. Bullock is a surgeon-major in the Yeomanry, and a J.P. for Warwick.

*Photo by Elliott and Fry.***DR. R. BULLOCK.****Mr. T. M. Burman.**

Elected a member of the Committee of the North Warwickshire Hunt as far back as 1886, Mr. TERTIUS MADELEY BURMAN, J.P., still retains his seat. The son of the late Mr. Tertius Thomas Burman, of Shirley, Warwickshire, he is Chairman of the Solihull District Council, and was born May 8th, 1854. Beginning to hunt at the age of twelve with the North Warwickshire, then under the Mastership of Mr. Milne, he has since followed these

hounds regularly, and occasionally the Warwickshire, Atherstone, and neighbouring packs. Among the capital hunters he has owned mention must be made of Redsand, by Silurian, whom he rode six years. Forester, an Irish horse, who won the Worcestershire Yeomanry Regimental Race in 1903, and White Socks, by Silver King, won many prizes, including the Queen's Own Worcester Hussars Silver Cup in 1905. He is a landowner, a member of the Warwickshire Agricultural Society, on the Committee of the Birmingham Cattle Show, and lives at Braggs Farm, Shirley, Warwickshire.

Mr. T. M.
Burman.

Early in the nineteenth century Mr. John Darby's grandfather was a Master of Hounds, hunting his own pack in Ireland. Meeting with financial reverses, he turned his attention to horse-dealing, a business in which the subject of these notes is also expert. A son of the late Mr. George Darby, Mr. JOHN DARBY was born at Croydon in 1858, and educated at Richmond Cavalry College, Surrey. Mr. Darby has hunted from the time when he could first sit a saddle, his earliest experiences being with the Ward Union in Ireland. For the last thirty years he has followed the Pytchley, varying matters by days with the North Warwickshire. Particularly interested in the making of hunters, Mr. Darby was formerly fond of steeplechase riding, but since the death of his brother, while riding in an event at Alton Park, he has given up all idea of active participation in the sport. Qualified as a veterinary surgeon, Mr. Darby finds his knowledge useful with his own horses, although he does not practice. Among the many well-known horses which have passed through his hands may be instanced Pathfinder, of Grand National fame, David Grieve, Canta Rosa, and Welsh Daisy. At one period Mr. Darby was Master, and his cousin hunted a pack of harriers from Rugby, but the pack has been dispersed. His uncle, Mr. John Darby, and his father, Mr. George Darby, owned and hunted a pack of staghounds for several seasons in the Harrow country in the forties and fifties.

Mr. J.
Darby.



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MR. J. DARBY.



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MR. A. HOLT.

Mrs. Darby is fond of hunting, and is a fine horse-woman. They live at Hillmorton, near Rugby, Warwickshire.

Well known in Warwickshire as a politician, and interested in municipal affairs, COUNCILLOR A. HOLT was elected to serve as Mayor of Leamington in the year 1907-08. He is the son of the late Lieut.-Colonel John Holt, of Twickenham Park, Middlesex, and was born in London in 1858. On completing his university career at Worcester College, Oxford, where he took his M.A. degree, he was called to the Bar, but did not long continue practice. Coming to reside at Leamington in 1895, he has followed the North Warwickshire and Warwickshire Hounds regularly since that year, having previously enjoyed sport with the Duke of Beaufort's and the "V.W.H." from Chippenham, as headquarters.

Councillor
A. Holt.

In addition to his hunting experiences, Mr. Holt is interested in cricket and golf. For many years he has been a member of the M.C.C., and it was in a great measure due to his energies that the Leamington Cricket Club was formed. Withal, Mr. Holt has found time to travel extensively, having been practically all over the world.

**Councillor
A. Holt.**

He married, in 1894, the eldest daughter of Mr. John J. Parkes, J.P., of Edgbaston, and now resides at Oaklands, Leamington.

**Mr. G. F.
Jackson.**

MR. GEORGE FREDERICK JACKSON was born in January, 1868, and is the son of Mr. George Jackson. Educated at Rugby, he was initiated early to the noble science. This event occurred during his boyhood in his native county, the North Warwickshire being the pack. We may add that he has been steadfast to his first love, a fact which proves the appreciation he holds for that good hunting country. Pre-eminently a man of affairs, he has made his support of the Hunt practical to a degree. Primarily his efforts have been directed to reducing the wire nuisance on the Birmingham side of the country, and it is largely due to his exertions that there is now considerably less wire than there was a few years ago in that district. He holds at the disposal of the Hunt several good coverts, which he devotes to the preservation of foxes, and which are consequently seldom drawn blank. A capable worker, he is actively engaged in the interests of the Hunt; it is almost needless to add that his popularity is great, and his figure ever welcome in the field. Always well mounted, he has owned some first-class hunters during his career as a member of the Hunt; he hesitates, however, to particularize any as pre-eminent among many good ones.

Though a good man with a twelve-bore, he does not allow the pheasant to interfere with the preservation of foxes. An extensive traveller, he has usually confined his peregrinations to the continent of Europe. A keen motorist, he has used the flying car more particularly to enable him to get four days a week with his favourite pack, as, when hunting is feasible, other sports and pastimes are of quite secondary consideration. As becomes so ardent a supporter of the pack, he is a member of the North Warwickshire Hunt Club. His residence is Norton Grange, Knowle, Warwickshire.

**Lord
Leigh.**

The son of the late Lord Leigh, of Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, and Adlestrop House, Chipping Norton, FRANCIS DUDLEY, LORD LEIGH, who is a D.L. and J.P. for Warwickshire, and late Lieut.-Colonel of the Warwickshire Yeomanry, was born on July 30th, 1855. Educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, he was Assistant Private Secretary to Viscount Cross, Secretary of State for India from 1886 to 1891, and succeeded his father as third Baron in 1905. Beginning to hunt when quite a young boy his first experiences were with the North Warwickshire. When at Cambridge he hunted with the Fitzwilliam and Cambridge-shire, and since then occasionally with the Atherstone, Pytchley, Quorn, Bicester, Cottesmore, and Heythrop, but as a rule his hunting has been with the Warwickshire and North Warwickshire Hounds.

Among the many excellent hunters owned by Lord Leigh, Paddy, which he rode for four or five seasons, was one of the best horses he ever had, and another wonderful jumper was a pony named Horner. Among other sports Lord Leigh is fond of deerstalking, shooting, and salmon fishing. He is a member of the Turf, White's, and Bachelors' Clubs, and his principal country seat is Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth.



LORD LEIGH.

**Mr. W.
McCreery.**

Well known in England for many years as an all-round sportsman, MR. WALTER McCREERY is perhaps more rightfully regarded as an Englishman than an American, though his father is Mr. Andrew Buchanan McCreery, of San Francisco. He was born in 1871 at Zurich, and at an early age came to England for his education.

His hunting career commenced, when he was nine years old, with the Garth, following which he hunted with the Duke of Beaufort's. After private tuition near Bath, Mr. McCreery went up to Cambridge, where he was Master of the Drag, and in many other ways distinguished himself in the sporting world. Numerous college "Grinds" fell to his record, and on one occasion he won six out of eight races. Since leaving college he has hunted here and there with about forty different packs of hounds, including nine years with the Blackmore Vale.



Mr. J. C. Jackson

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On the only occasion when the Aristocratic Steeplechase for past and present members of Oxford and Cambridge University was run, at Lingfield, in 1892, he won the race on Hospodar. He was third, on a 11-hand pony named Vic, to Lord Fitzwilliam and the Duke of Marlborough in the Stock Exchange v. Cambridge University Point-to-Point in 1893. These are only a few of Mr. McCreery's achievements in the riding world. He has also won steeplechases at Pau and Oloron.

Mr. W.
McCreery.



MR. W. MCCREERY.

The polo world knows him probably as well as the hunting field. He played for the Old Cantabs, who carried off the Champion Cup and the Hurlingham and Ranelagh Open Cup in 1900, and took part in the trial tournament, played without the offside rule, in 1902. He possessed two famous polo ponies, one named Arrow, never beaten at shows, and who won the Champion Cup at Hurlingham in 1901 and 1905; Follow Me, a Californian pony, won a Championship in this country, and was ridden in the American team which challenged England some years ago.

His best hunter is a brown gelding named Marathon, whom Mr. McCreery has hunted for eleven seasons; this horse is now nineteen years old. Mr. McCreery has in later years subscribed to the North Warwickshire, Warwickshire, Pytchley, and Atherstone Hunts. He is a member of the Orleans Club.

Mr. JOSEPH MAYFIELD, of Parkfields, Allesley, near Coventry, commenced hunting regularly with the North Warwickshire and the Atherstone, having occasional days with the Warwickshire, in 1892. Anterior to this date he had had experience with no less than thirty-six packs in different parts of England. At the age of thirteen Mr. Mayfield was initiated into foxhunting with the Hertfordshire. Born in March, 1869, he is the son of Mr. Joseph R. Mayfield, and was educated at Leys School, Cambridge. Mr. Mayfield has some nice hunters in his stable, the pick of the lot perhaps being Brighton II., who, before and since he came into his present owner's possession, has won several Hunt Cups. Mrs. Mayfield and her daughter are both keen followers of the North Warwickshire, of which Hunt Club Mr. Mayfield is a member.

Mr. J.
Mayfield.



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MR. J. MAYFIELD.

The Hon.
E. W.
Parker.

THE HON. EDMUND WILLIAM PARKER, eighth son of the late Earl of Macclesfield, was born in London in 1857, and educated at Eton, where he hunted the beagles. His first pack was the South Oxfordshire, of which the late Earl was Master for over thirty-seven years. He followed foxhounds when little more than eight years old, and continued to do so until he went to New Zealand in 1881, where he remained until 1898. During the latter fifteen years he lived at Christchurch, and followed the harriers there. Polo on New Zealand ponies was another sport which he followed. He had a good deal of wild-cattle shooting in the colony, and was President of the Canterbury Jockey Club. Returning home in 1898, Mr. Parker came to live in Rugby, and has since hunted regularly with the packs in the neighbourhood, including the Pytchley, Atherstone, and North Warwickshire. He lives at Brookside, Rugby, and is a member of Boodle's.

Son of the late Mr. George Rollason, of Erdington, Warwickshire, Mr. GEORGE ROLLASON was born on September 14th, 1880, and educated at Rugby. When but ten years of age he began hunting

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with the South Staffordshire, and was blooded by the first whip, a character known by the sobriquet of "Little Jack." He followed that pack during some four seasons, turning his attention to the North Warwickshire in 1902, and with the exception of occasional days with the Atherstone has been a regular attendant at all fixtures since then. Among his favourite hunters, Rufus, locally bred, was a very fine fencer, and Linkens, which he rode for a couple of seasons. His is a well-known figure as a rider in local point-to-point races, and when hunting is impracticable he follows the Bucks Otter pack.

Fond of all outdoor sports and pastimes, shooting, fishing, and football are, next to hunting, his favourite recreations. He resides at Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

**Miss E.
Sidebottom**

Among our fair equestrians few are better known in the hunting fields of the North Warwickshire than Miss ELINOR SIDEBOTTOM, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Ralph Sidebottom, of Millbrook House, Cheshire. Early introduced to the saddle, Miss Sidebottom has hunted with the Cheshire, Atherstone, and Warwickshire, but has, since the year 1885, devoted her attention chiefly to the North Warwickshire. In that country she is recognized as an accomplished horsewoman.



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MISS SIDEBOTTOM ON PETER.

Our illustration shows Miss Sidebottom mounted on her hunter Peter. He is a big grey Irish horse, and she considers him equal to helping her out of any difficulty. Other well-known hunters that have carried her well across country are Bristol and Nightcap. Both very fine fencers, she rode the first-named eleven seasons, and the latter nine. Peeping Tom, by Prying - Nightcap is her own breeding, and she hopes to ride him next season.

A keen player at golf, tennis, and croquet, Miss Sidebottom has won prizes in the three pastimes, but when hunting is practicable it claims her undivided

attention. She is a member of the Empress Club, Piccadilly, and resides at The Poplars, Kenilworth.

**Dr. F.
Smith.**

DR. FRANK SMITH, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., born in 1856, was educated at University College, subsequently taking his degrees when at the Middlesex Hospital in 1879. When between five and six years of age he began hunting with the North Warwickshire, then under the Mastership of the late Mr. Mihne, being blooded by Boxall, the huntsman.

One of the oldest members of the Hunt, Dr. Smith has varied his experiences with neighbouring packs, notably the Pytchley, Atherstone, and Warwickshire. In addition to the hunting field he has figured prominently at steeplechase meetings, notably at the Winchester, Rugby, Redditch, Hawthorn Hill, Aldershot, Leamington, and other fixtures. An expert on the putting green, he boasts among many other trophies the Warwickshire Club's Gold Cross, which he won from scratch in 1893. He is a member of the Isthmian and many golf clubs, and lives at Kenilworth.



DR. F. SMITH.

**Mr. F. G.
Sumner.**

MR. FRANCIS GEORGE SUMNER, eldest son of the late Mr. Francis John Sumner, of Park Hall, Derbyshire, and Eathorpe Park, Warwickshire, was born in July, 1866. Educated at Oscott

College, he afterwards studied for the profession of a land agent. In 1897 he married Beatrice Frances, third daughter of the late Mr. W. T. Barrett, Silverspring House, county Cork, and in the same year became a J.P. for Derbyshire.

Mr. F. G. Sumner.



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MR. F. G. SUMNER.

Mr. Sumner's first hunting began when, as a boy, he followed the Croome and North Cotswold, and later hunted in Derbyshire from his father's estate. In 1887 he came to live in Warwickshire, since when he has hunted fairly regularly with the Atherstone, the Warwickshire, and North Warwickshire, and is a member of the North Warwick Hunt Club.

An all-round sportsman, Mr. Sumner has played polo, and is a good shot; fishing, too, now forms his favourite recreation. He has, moreover, travelled extensively.

The son of Mr. William Watson, of The Elms, Balsall, Warwickshire, MR. JOHN ALFRED WATSON was born on May 22nd, 1865, and educated privately.

Mr. J. A. Watson.

Initial experiences of hunting were with the Atherstone, which he followed for eight seasons. Business took him from the provinces for some years, but on his return he took up residence at Chadwick Manor, and becoming a member of the North Warwickshire Hunt, has followed that pack regularly since 1900.

Among the fine hunters owned by Mr. Watson, Dalby (16.2) and Tittlemouse (16.1) are capital fencers whom he has ridden three or four seasons. As a breeder and exhibitor of hacks and hunters, he has met with many successes. He devotes much of his time to farming, and when foxhunting is out of season, is often to be seen out with the Bucks Otterhounds. He resides at Chadwick Manor, Knowle.

Recently called to the Bar, MR. FRANCIS CHARLES BARTHOLOMEW WEST is the son of the Rev. C. F. C. West, was born at Charlbury, Oxfordshire, in 1883, and educated at Cheltenham College.

Beginning to hunt in 1905 with the Heythrop, he now follows the North Warwickshire, Warwickshire, Pytchley, and Atherstone.



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MR. F. C. B. WEST.



MR. J. A. WATSON.

Mr. F. C. B. West.

Mr. West, who is a member of the Automobile Club, is also greatly interested in polo. He resides at Bawnmore, Bilton, Rugby.

There are few better-known figures among followers of the North Warwickshire than Mr. Wheatley and his daughters.

Mr. J. H. Wheatley.

Born on April 21st, 1853, MR. JOSHUA HIRST WHEATLEY, J.P. (late Major 2nd West Yorkshire Yeomanry Cavalry), is the son of the late Mr. Joshua Hirst Wheatley, of The Hagg, Mirfield, Yorkshire. Educated at Harrow, and Wadham College, Oxford, he early took to foxhunting. Initial experiences were with Lord Middleton's when a youngster of fifteen, and subsequently he became a follower of the Bramham Moor and Badsworth packs, with which he hunted some twenty seasons. Taking up his residence at Berkswell Hall in 1889, he transferred his allegiance to the North Warwickshire Hounds, and

Mr. J. H. Wheatley.

has been a member of the Hunt Committee since the year 1893. Giving most of his attention to the pack in question, he has still found time for occasional days with the Atherstone, Warwickshire, Hertfordshire, and Puckeridge Foxhounds, the Enfield Chase Staghounds, and the late Hon. Geoffrey Hill's and Bucks Otterhounds.

Mention of some of Mr. Wheatley's better performers in the field must not be omitted. Servian (16.0), a capital fencer, he rode eleven seasons; Countess (16.0), an Irish mare, which carried him thirteen seasons, he considers the best he ever rode, while Skylark (16.2), which he has now ridden nine seasons, is bad to beat. All these are well known in the country.



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MR. J. H. AND THE MISSES WHEATLEY.

Mr. Wheatley's two daughters, Ida and Gwendolen, have both favourite hunters in The Topper and Walwyn respectively. These ladies are both accomplished equestriennes, and the Hunt could ill spare their presence from the fields.

Mr. Wheatley is a member of the Windham, Hurlingham, the Birmingham Conservative, and numerous other Clubs.

THE PYTCHLEY.

THE EARL SPENCER (1752-83) founded the Hunt Club at Pytchley Old Hall, an Elizabethan house built by Sir E. Isham, and afterwards pulled down by George Payne in 1820, when the property was sold to Mr. Lloyd, the Birmingham banker, from whom it passed to Lady Wantage. Of the twenty-eight members of the Club in 1782, fifteen were noblemen and their sons. The members alone in those days wore the white collar.

The first Earl died in 1783, and was succeeded by his son, George John, the second Earl Spencer, who was a great politician and a fine horseman. No one dare pass him in the field except Dick Knight, his famous huntsman. The latter, the son of a shoemaker, was born at Courteen Hall. He could ride any horse, and no obstacle stopped him. He had a great voice, which, it was said, could be heard at a distance of three miles on a frosty morning. He was rather familiar to his master, as we see from his saying, after jumping a stiff place in front of him, "Come along, my Lord, the longer you look at it the less you will like it."

His jumping performances have been illustrated by Loraine Smith in some grotesque prints, in which the rider and the horse are alike ugly. He was, moreover, a good houndman, but as a huntsman had little patience. "The Druid" says he thought he knew better than the hounds, and was always lifting them. There was an old fox he knew by sight, from his carrying his brush curled over his back, something like a pug, which he at last killed by lifting. When the fox got away from Sywell Wood, Knight, guessing his line, did not lay the hounds on, but lifted them to Orlingbury, where he viewed him, and laid them on. At the first check he lifted them to beyond Finedon, where he viewed him again, and laid them on. Again there was a check, and he lifted them to beyond Barton Wold, hit the line, and at a check again lifted them to Grafton Park, where they killed. The distance from Sywell to Grafton is ten miles straight, and more as hounds ran. They followed the scent for only four miles, a fact of which the field was not cognizant.

John Warde controlled the Pytchley from 1797-1808. A sketch of the hunting career of this famous sportsman will be found in the volume containing the Bicester. He had a great run from Marston Wood to Skellington, Leicestershire.

Viscount Althorp (1808-47), son of Earl Spencer, restored the glories of the Pytchley, which had gone off a little, owing to John Warde's slow methods. He was a most hard working Master, and rode straight, regardless of gates. His heart was in the right place, but his seat was loose, falls being frequent in consequence, often resulting in a dislocated shoulder. One of the whips was taught to put it back at the Northampton Infirmary. Dick Knight retired in 1814, and C. King became huntsman. Among the famous followers of this time were Lord Sondes, Sir C. Knightley, Sir D. Baird, Colonel A. Nethercote, Messrs. Elwes (of Billing), Payne, Davy (who could vault into the saddle at a gallop), P. Allix (known as "Scratchface," from his encounters with bullfinches), Colonel Allix, Cook (of Hothorpe), Small (a dandy), Isham, Hanbury, Dick Gurney (who rode 19 stone on Sober Robin), and Frank Forester. Lord Althorp



VISCOUNT ALTHORP.

had a stud of thirty hunters, and the hounds cost him £1,500 a year. Of his famous runs we may note one, in 1815, from Purser's Hills. They first ran in a ring by Maidwell and Scotland Wood; they then went straight away, and killed their fox beyond Little Harrowden. In 1816, Lord Althorp had a great run from Sywell Wood, by Welland, to Ashby, a seventeen-mile point. He also had a famous run which, like many since, crossed the battlefield of Naseby. From Crick Gorse they ran by Clay Coton, Lilburn Field, Hempton Hill, Cold Ashby, Naseby Field, Sibbertoft, Marston, and killed in the open, near Marston Trussell, in 1 hour 17 minutes.

Sir C. Knightley (1816-17) established kennels at Brixworth, and was famous for his jump over a hedge and brook between Brixworth and Cottesbrooke, known as "Knightley's Leap." His great supporter at elections was the Rev. F. Litchfield, of Farthinghoe, a good speaker and a strong teetotaler. Benvolio and Sir Mariner were two of his good horses. Lord Sondes, after one year's Mastership, resigned in favour of Sir A. Bellingham Graham (1819-20), for whom see the Atherstone History.



From a picture in the possession of Mr. F. B. Wilkinson, of Edwinstowe. JACK SHIRLEY.

Jack Musters (Master, 1821-27) is more fully referred to in the history of Lord Harrington's Hunt. He had several good runs from Hunsbury Hill with a fox known as the "Hunsbury Hill Devil." The line taken was Hunsbury, Wootton Delapre, Brayfield Furze, Yardley Chase, to Olney Bridge.

"Squire" Osbaldeston reigned 1827-34, with Jack Stevenson as huntsman, and Jack Shirley and Dick Barton as whips. He retired partly because the subscription was only £1,600

a year. We have described him more fully in the Quorn. Here we give a list of the chief sportsmen of the Pytchley and Quorn from Muster's *Hunting Songs* (1833). It is arranged in order of merit, like an Oxford Class List, and is by a contemporary:—

First Class.—T. A. Smith, Mr. Lindon, Mr. Rolleston, Lord Jersey, Mr. J. C. Musters, Mr. Cholmley, Hon. C. W. Forester, Sir B. Graham, Mr. Davy, Captain White, Mr. Ramsden, Colonel Lowther, Mr. Standish, Lords Plymouth and Alvanley.

Second Class. Mr. V. Maher, Mr. Maxse, Mr. Osbaldeston, Lord R. Manners, Mr. Mills, Mr. Pierrepont, Mr. Lucas, Hon. F. Forester, Lord Dartmouth, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Vane-Powlett, Lord Tavistock, Lord C. Manners, Mr. Dalton, and Mr. Christie.

Third Class.—Sir F. Burdett, Mr. Chester, Mr. F. Bentinek, Mr. Mackenzie, Lord Aylesford, Mr. Meyles, Mr. Moore, Mr. Petre, Mr. Napier, Mr. Walker, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Arnold, the Duke of Rutland, and Lord Lonsdale.

It is curious to note the list leaves out Sir D. Baird and his brother—the former of whom was equal to Assheton Smith and Captain Ross, one of the greatest sportsmen Scotland ever produced, who could ride, shoot, and walk against any man. He died as late as 1885. Others worthy of a place in the first class were Captain Beche, Little Gilmour, and Lords Lynedoch, Clanricarde, Winterton, Waterford, and the Earl of Wilton, one of the most famous gentlemen jockeys of his day. Lord Lynedoch, when over seventy as brave across country as he was at Barossa rode with the lion's courage and the hero's zeal. The son of his old soldier-servant in the Peninsula told the writer that, when he was too stiff to bend his knees, his shooting pony used to kneel down and let him stand over him, and then rise up with him on his back. Lord Cardigan, of Balaclava fame, was of later date than the class list. His best horse was The Dandy, a black, on which he once led the field from Lord Aylesford's covert, near Six Hills, to Ranksborough, in the Cottesmore



THE EARL OF WILTON.

country. The distance is thirteen miles straight, and there was only one check, for three minutes, in Stapleford Park.

At the end of March, 1830, one of the Squire's best runs was from Misterton to Laughton



SULBY HALL.

The home of George Payne and the Hon. E. Villiers.

Hills, ending with a kill in the open an eight-mile point. In February, 1831, they ran from Berrydale by Scotland Wood, Kelmarsh, Maidwell at racing pace so far Arthingworth Spinney, back to Scotland Wood, across the Welland, by Stoke Albany to Holt, where hounds were whipped off, owing to darkness, after covering over twenty miles in two-and-a-half hours. Again, on the fourteenth of that month, the same fox took them over the same line more slowly, and ran into a pigsty, where both he and the pig were eaten by the hounds. Mr. Wilkins, of Maeslyweh Castle, Radnorshire, an M.P., who afterwards changed his name to

De Winton, was Master (1834-35), and was assisted by Grantley Berkeley. Then came George Payne, of Sulby (1835-38), for the first time.

Lord Chesterfield, "the Magnificent" (in the Aristotelian sense), carried on the Hunt (1835-41) in lavish style. He bought Mr. Payne's hounds and Mr. Errington's Quorn pack, and made Will Derry huntsman. Though a fifteen-stone man, he was a good performer on Marmion. But he lived too fast, gambling on the Turf and at cards, and is said to have dropped £200,000 in all at 'Crockfords'.

Tom (otherwise "Gentleman") Smith, author of *The Diary of a Fox*, came from the Craven (1841-42), but was hardly up to Pytchley form, as he sometimes gave £20 for a hunter, and mended the whips' saddles with string. With Jack Shirley as first whip he had, however, some wonderful runs in his last season, the Belvoir run being nineteen miles straight. He was a good horseman even on a poor horse, and knew more about foxes than any man in England.

Further particulars of Tom Smith will be found under the Hambledon Hunt. He was financed by Lord Cardigan, but gave up after two seasons.

Sir F. Holyoake-Goodricke came (1842-44), with Smith from the Brocklesby as huntsman, but neither of them was popular. It is said that Goodricke, who married George Payne's sister, was a poor sportsman.

George Payne, the idol of the county, resumed office 1844-48, and showed great sport.

During his rule two people were killed at the same post and rails near Winwick Warren, Mr. Sawbridge in his first season, and Lord Inverurie in his second, when riding his favourite mare, Quatre Ace, a good timber jumper, whom he had hustled too much in a last twenty minutes from Hemplow Hill, and afterwards rode too hard from Yelvertoft.

This dashing young sportsman loved the game dearly, and was very popular.

In 1848, George Payne retired, and rarely hunted afterwards. One of his great friends was Admiral Rous, of Turf fame, who frequently hunted with the Pytchley.

Lord Alford, eldest son of Lord Brownlow, succeeded (1848-51). He was a handsome and popular man, but he had to resign owing to ill-health.



From a painting in the possession of Mrs. Barry. (1-En. 10.)
ADMIRAL ROUS.

Barraud's picture (which we reproduce) of the "Meet at Crick," with its forty-four portraits of famous sportsmen, whose names we are able to furnish, by the kind assistance of Mr. H. B. Ewens-Barwell-Ewens :—

KEY TO CRICK MEET.

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| 1. Mr. W. S. Stirling Crawford. | 15. Viscount Alford (the late). | 30. Mr. L. Bagshaw. |
| 2. Mr. John Lovell (probably William). | 16. Mr. Samuel Pell. | 31. Lord Henley. |
| 3. Mr. Richard Gough. | 17. Mr. Herbert Langham. | 32. Mr. H. O. Nethercote. |
| 4. Mr. Rainald Knightley. | 18. Mr. George Payne. | 33. Mr. B. Rooper. |
| 5. Hon. Fred Villiers. | 19. Mr. R. Oldacre. | 34. Mr. J. E. Potterton. |
| 6. Jack (1st Whip). | 20. Mr. William Payne (the late). | 35. Mr. Aveling Tanqueray. |
| 7. Mr. W. O. West. | 21. Mr. Weston. | 36. Mr. G. W. Baker. |
| 8. Ned (2nd Whip). | 22. Lord Bateman. | 37. Mr. Henry Hall. |
| 9. C. Payne (Huntsman). | 23. The Earl of Cardigan. | 38. Mr. Bingham Newland. |
| 10. Mr. Thomas P. Clarke. | 24. Mr. R. Bevan. | 39. Mr. W. Smyth. |
| 11. Mr. T. Marshall. | 25. Mr. John Vere Isham. | 40. Mr. Vere Isham. |
| 12. Mr. Ambrose Isted. | 26. Lady Elizabeth Villiers. | 41. Mr. John Nethercote. |
| 13. Hon. Charles Cust. | 27. Mr. H. de G. Warter. | 42. Mr. C. Arkwright. |
| 14. Mr. Thomas Steele. | 28. Mr. F. S. Head. | 43. The Duke of Buccleuch. |
| | 29. Sir Francis Head. | 44. Lady Marianna Alford. |

The last survivor of these was Lord Henley.

In 1848, Charles Payne came as huntsman from the Oakley. He was a real flyer, and "slipped away" from covert like lightning. From the Hemplows, a grand piece of country extends to Stamford Hall. This is the Crick and Stamford country, which that brilliant horseman loved so well. Bold and daring in his casts, he usually "hit it off" all right. The Hon. F. Villiers, son of Lord Jersey, came in 1851, retiring the next year. Lord Hopetoun (1852-56) came fresh from Oxford, with everything to learn. He greatly improved as he went on, and held his own with the best on Brown Stout and First Flight. Once, in August, 1853, he stayed out cubhunting from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. For four hours the hounds hunted a vixen in a covert by the road from Kettering to Stamford. Every hound was stripped bare on breast and fore-legs, and some dropped down on the way home. This was indeed a gruelling for the young entry. On November 21st, 1854, under his rule, they had the best run hitherto known in the annals of the Pytchley. Charles Payne thought it far better than Thompson's Waterloo run. Meeting at North Kilworth, they found in a copse by Mr. Gough's house, and ran by North Kilworth House through Caldecot Spinney, then to the left, by Swinford and Stamford Hall, on the right to South Kilworth, and over the Welland to Pound Close and Wellford toll-gate, for fifty minutes without check. Then they ran by Naseby Woollies and Sulby Gorse and Naseby Covert, through Kilmarsh osier beds, for Johnson's Furze. The fox, being headed, ran by Maidwell Doles, Berrydale, Cottesbrooke, Creaton, Spratton, and Chapel Brampton to Boughton, where they almost caught him. He got away, however, and went to ground at Boughton Clump, after a run of 2 hours and 20 minutes. It was an eighteen-mile point, and the distance covered must have been twenty-seven miles. Out of a field of 200, only five or six were up at the end, including the Master, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Elworthy, Charles Payne, and Jack Woodcock, the whip. Lord Hopetoun planted Hopetoun Gorse, near Theddingworth.

Among the best-known followers of this middle period we may mention Drury Wake (of Pitsford), Lord Henley, Lord Braye, Stirling Crawford (on his kicker, Safety Valve), Sir C. Isham, Mr. Bevan, Captain Mildmay Clarke, Major Whyte Melville, Mr. Isted (of Ecton—deaf, dumb, and a good dancer), Mr. Young (of Orlingbury), Mr. G. Ashby, Mr. W. Angerstein, the Hon. H. Liddell, Rev. H. Rokeby, Mr. Muntz, Rev. J. T. Drake, Sir R. Knightley, and Mr. C. Wroughton. The Hon. F. Villiers and the Hon. C. H. Cust were Joint-Masters (1856-59), the former continuing alone until 1862, and the present Lord Spencer, 1862-64. In him we have perhaps the finest Master, from every point of view, that the Pytchley ever had. In Ireland, he rode in the first flight with the Ward Union, as well as he did across the pastures of his beloved Northamptonshire. Colonel Anstruther Thomson (1864-69) was appointed on the recommendation of his friend, Major Whyte Melville. At first he hunted hounds himself in the Woodland country, Payne taking the horn in the rest. Afterwards he alone carried the horn, when Payne went to Sir Watkin Wynn.



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From a painting by Haywood in 1848.

THE CRICK MEET.

The Waterloo run, on February 2nd, 1866, deserves special mention as the greatest run in the history of the Hunt. They met at Arthingworth after a wet morning, and, at 2 o'clock, found at Waterloo Gorse. They ran by Longborough, through Shipley Spinney, up the hill to Clipstone, and leaving Oxendon on the right, by Farndon, over the Welland to "Bowden Inn," and over the brook to Langton Caudle. Then they ran by Stanton Wyville and Cranke, through Glosston Wood and Keythorpe Wood, towards Ram's Head. At this point they had covered eighteen miles in 1 hour 50 minutes. Getting a view, they ran by Fallow Close to Slawston Covert and the Welland, so to Medbourne Station, where they were stopped at 5.30 p.m. Custance, the jockey, is said to have ridden to the end. "The foremost horseman rode alone." The time was 3 hours 35 minutes, and the Master rode five horses in all. He rode home on Rainbow, which had carried him in the latter part of the run, and got to Brixworth kennels, eighteen miles off, at ten. After dinner, he drove to the Market Harborough Hunt Ball, eleven miles, arriving at midnight—a sporting finish to a great day.

Mr. Craven succeeded Colonel Anstruther Thomson (1866-72), and did well, with Roake as huntsman. He was described, in *Baily*, as having a good stock of patience, determination, and perseverance. He resigned after three seasons. One of his best runs was on February 2nd, 1870. Meeting at North Kilworth, they drew the Sticks, and ran fast by Walton Holt to Kingcote, where there was a check. They ran through Mr. Tailby's country, by Little Peatling and Willoughby Waterlees, to Whetstone Gorse, and across the railway by Blaby to Harborough, in the Quorn country, finally losing him at Cosby, in the Atherstone country. They are said to have covered twenty miles, the point being eleven. Lord Hopetoun, the Hon. F. Villiers, Mr. Craven, Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Hoey, Miss Davy, Mrs. Arthur, Mr. Duppa, and Messrs. Darby and Raymond were well up. Roake broke his collar-bone. *Baily's Magazine* is our authority for this run, but *Hall's Hunting Atlas* (Leicestershire) gives Cosby as in the South Quorn, afterwards Mr. Tailby's, and not the Atherstone country.



MR. A. CRAVEN.

In 1870, the Pytchley gave a grand dinner to Colonel Thomson at Northampton, and, in spite of the frost and snow, there were two hundred present, including many farmers. There he was presented with a portrait of himself, on Iris, which was said to be the best portrait painted by Sir F. Grant, P.R.A., up to that date. At the dinner, Tom Firr, afterwards so famous with the Quorn, sang a song, "That Slashing Horse called Iris," to the tune of "The fine Old English Gentleman," in great style. Mr. R. C. Naylor, whom Nethereote, in his *History of the Pytchley*, ignores, followed (1872-74). To the author of this work we owe, however, much of our information. Lord Spencer became Master for the second time (1874-78). He asked six of his hunting tenant farmers over to Dublin, when he was Viceroy, and mounted them with the Ward Union. Will Goodall came as huntsman in 1874, and remained to 1895. The son of W. Goodall, of the Belvoir, he was brought up by Sir T. Whicote, and entered young with G. Carter. He proved a good huntsman and houndman, as the Pytchley successes at Peterborough shew.

On October 14th, 1894, he was, on the occasion of the Annual Horse Show at Althorp Park, presented with a testimonial after having been twenty years huntsman of the Pytchley. Mr. W. M. Wroughton, who had then but recently accepted the Mastership of the famous pack, in making the presentation, spoke in no measured terms of his high qualifications as a huntsman. He stated that there were 385 subscribers to the testimonial, and the sum collected was £1,282. In addition there was a silver salver bearing the names of the donors. In a speech returning warm thanks, the popular huntsman, *inter alia*, said that he had been hunting thirty-one years, and was pleased to say he had never had a day's illness. Ten months after these cheery words Will Goodall died of an internal complaint, at a time when, to all appearances, he was in the best of health and strength. He met his fate like a good, brave man; only in the last weakness came from him the sad plaint, "It's hard lines! it's hard lines! And to think of that beautiful testimonial

of only last year, when I was so well and strong." At the time of his death he was only forty-eight, just before it he requested of his noble friend and patron, Lord Spencer, that he might be buried "in that nice open spot, Brington Churchyard," which, we may add, is near the kennels at Althorp, and opposite the dense Nobottle Woodland. His wishes were carried out.

The gift of kindness inherited from his father was one of the great secrets of Will Goodall's success. This rendered him not only popular with mankind, but also with his hounds. Furthermore, they trusted him implicitly; he never deceived them and hated to disappoint them.

He loved the great science with his whole heart, and had a natural genius for hunting, which was magnetic in its effect upon the pack. Long study and careful practice had developed an instinctive knowledge, and he hated the mere theorist. As a rider, too, he possessed the happy knack of usually being with his hounds, having such judgment that, although he seldom jumped a fence first, he was mostly with the pack or nearest to it. This is much to say of a man who rode full 14 stone. His fencing, too, was very fine, and some seasons over his difficult country he would not have one fall, a truly extraordinary record.

Goodall began his subsequently great career when the late Hon. George Fitzwilliam appointed him as second horseman to George Carter, after which he became third whipper-in to the Pytchley. Then he joined Mr. Henry Chaplin, who was at the time Master of the Burton Hounds, and in the year 1870 was appointed first whipper-in to the Belvoir. With the pack in question he remained four seasons, and it used to be said at the time that the dreaded Whissendine was never too big or swollen for him. Indeed, it was almost a catch word on such occasions, "Now, Will, give us a lead!" And a lead the field was sure to get, accompanied by his merry chuckle, as he went at the water.

And it may here be remarked that Goodall's was one of the merriest of natures, and when he came as huntsman to the Pytchley it was often remarked that the fields were highly increased, owing to his vivacity, cheery manner, and happy disposition under the most trying conditions. Hunting gave him intense delight, and his manner was infectious. A good sportsman once remarked, not in any impious sense—"Will Goodall never did a mean or unkind thing in his life, and if there be any happy hunting grounds in the next world, he surely will be found hunting hounds."

For a time, in 1877, Lord Spencer acted as huntsman, as Goodall was hurt, and had a grand run from Naseby to Wilby, near Wellingborough—a fifteen-mile point. In the same year he himself hunted a fox from Rockingham, and killed him in the open near Uppingham. On March 12th, 1878, they had a splendid run from Vanderplanks, by Walford, Crick, Yelvertoft, Clay Coten, Stamford Hall, and killed at Clifton Mill, near Rugby. From Crick they ran hard over one of the finest lines in the shires. From Walford to Stamford straight is seven miles, and they probably covered ten. Mr. Herbert Langham succeeded (1878-90), and appointed John Isaacs as whip. On December 16th, 1882, the day after a frost, a fine hunting run took place of over three hours' duration, from Loatland Wood over a very stiff country in the neighbourhood of Arthingworth, Waterloo Gorse, and Harborough. Lord Spencer became Master for the third time (1890-94), and was followed by Mr. W. M. Wroughton (1894-1902), and he by Lord Annaly, the present Master. On March 12th, 1908, one of the best men to hounds was killed near Kebworth through his horse falling on him after jumping a fence. Hugh Owen was brother of Roddy Owen, who rode Father O'Flynn to victory in the Grand National, and died on Service "in the Soudan." Mr. Hugh Owen was quite one of the best men in the shires. He rode over the cream of Leicestershire on the best horses from Mr. Stokes' stables, for to him no fence came amiss.

WOODLAND PYTCHLEY.

As the Pytchley country was too large for one huntsman and pack of hounds, the Woodland portion was cut off from it in 1876, and taken over by Mr. G. L. Watson. It is separated from the Pytchley by the line from Wellingborough to Market Harborough, and bounded by the Welland on the west and the Nen on the east. It is twenty miles by eighteen, and three-quarters are

pasture, with a quarter plough and woodland. The kennels are at Brigstock, and the Pytchley owned the pack up to 1883. There is a lot of fine grass in the centre, and also on the eastern border and the south. The chief woods are the Duke of Buccleuch's at Weekly Hall, Geddington, Broughton, and Grafton. All these have good "rides." Mr. Watson, of Rockingham Castle (1876-78), was followed by Captain Pennell Elmhirst, "Brooksby," (1878-80) whose *Hunting Countries* has proved so useful to the writer. Lord Lonsdale (1880-85) managed the Hunt in his grand style, and is said to have had seventy chestnuts in his stables. Mr. Austin Mackenzie was Master 1885-99. He sold the hounds on his retirement to Mr. Wroughton for £5,250—a record price. In 1899, Lord Southampton took over the Woodland Pytchley, and was followed, in 1901, by Mr. Walter de P. Cazenove, from the Wilton. He was succeeded, in 1903, by Mr. W. M. Wroughton, who retired in 1908. Among the famous followers of the Woodland Pytchley we may mention the Duke of Buccleuch, well styled "The Emperor of the Woods." This is the late Duke, a well-known M.F.H. in Scotland, who died in 1882. There were few at the regular meet, and these usually in mufti. Lord Cardigan, of Deane Park, where his widow still lives, was a great man with this pack. After coming "Through the jaws of death, back from the mouth of hell" in the Balaclava charge, he was killed by a fall from his horse in March, 1878. The grand old Squire Tryon, of Balnck Park, father of the unfortunate Admiral Tryon who went down in the "*Victoria*," was a bold rider through "bullfinches," and met the same fate as his gallant friend and neighbour, the last of the Cardigan Earls. Lords Lyveden and Lifford were also local followers. Nor must we omit J. G. Blagrave, afterwards Master of the Longford Harriers, Gloucestershire (1899-1902), wittiest of sportsmen, who often in the latter days of the late Duke of Beaufort set the table in a roar at Badminton.

On December 24th, 1880, the Woodland Pytchley, under Captain Elmhirst, met at Dingley, and drew Waterloo Gorse by permission. For an hour they ran over a splendid but stiffly-fenced country, thirty-five minutes being very fast without a check. They ran from Waterloo, by Oxendon, on the right to Farndon, then round to the right near Market Harborough to Braybrooke. On the 30th of the same month they ran a seven-mile point in forty-five minutes without a check at a terrific pace. Finding at Little Hermitage Wood, they ran by Weekly Hall Wood, and killed their fox dead-beat at Geddington Village.

Mr. G.
Payne
—Master,
1835-38
and
1844-48.

Descended from one of the oldest families in Northamptonshire, Mr. GEORGE PAYNE was the eldest son of Mr. George Payne, of Sulby Hall, and nephew of the Mr. Payne who won the Derby in 1817 with Azor. Born April 3rd, 1803, George Payne was at Eton from 1816 to 1822, and went to Christ Church, Oxford, in April, 1823. Having had the misfortune to lose his father when only seven years of age, that unfortunate gentleman having been shot in a duel on Wimbledon Common by one Clarke on September 6th, 1810, Mr. Payne, on coming of age, succeeded to the family estates, with a rent roll of £17,000 a year and the accumulation of ready money during his minority, which amounted to £300,000. Previous to this, however, he had been in hot water with the authorities at Oxford, owing to indulging his sporting tastes too freely, and they, after repeated objections to his too speedy conduct, requested him to leave the University. Upon his coming of age, the event was celebrated by a festive season at Sulby Hall, which is still one of the traditions of the county. This continued for a lengthened period.

In 1826, he took office as High Sheriff of the county, the magnificence of his *cortège* being unprecedented. His tenantry formed the javelin men on these occasions, and he treated them with a hospitality similar to that which he accorded to the judges on circuit. Upon a vacancy occurring in the Mastership of the Pytchley, he was unanimously requested to accept office. This



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MR. GEORGE PAYNE.

Mr. G.
Payne.

was in 1835. A born horseman, he had been popular in Leicestershire from the time of his leaving the University, and his pace was of no common order, as he rode straight. As M.F.H. he did things in regal style, and although Lord Chesterfield succeeded him in 1838, the magnificent accessories of that nobleman's appointment only vied with, but did not surpass, those of George Payne. Twice he held office with the celebrated pack, taking the horn again after the death of Lord Chesterfield from 1844 to 1848, and in recognition he received two magnificent testimonials, which were subscribed for by all classes of sportsmen in the county. One of these took the form of a gold epergne figuring a huntsman running a fox to ground at the foot, and the face and figure of the man was an excellent likeness of George Payne himself. The height of this fine work of art was 3 ft. 6 ins., the weight 600 ounces, and on the base it bore the inscription: "Presented to George Payne, Esq., of Sulby Hall, by upwards of six hundred farmers, tradesmen, and others of Northamptonshire as a testimonial of their esteem for him, and gratitude for his unceasing efforts to promote the manly and healthy sports of the country." Upon the presentation of this gift upwards of 500 guests received invitations to the grand banquet given in the Master's honour. In amusement as well as in the hunting field our subject was ever to the fore, and in conjunction with Sir Robert Gunning and Messrs. Musters, Hungerford, and Bentfield he organized the historic Foxhunters' Fête, which took place on February 11th, 1825, at the George Assembly Rooms, Northampton. This affair was magnificent in the extreme, and attended by hundreds of the aristocracy of England.

One of the wittiest among that Mecca of wits, the Old Club and Melton, he shone equally at the Bibury dinners and in the Jockey Club Rooms. So popular, indeed, was he that when the Lord Althorp of his day succeeded to the Earldom of Spencer a deputation of noblemen and county gentlemen waited upon him, offering to return him as their representative in the House of Commons free of all expenses, even to payment of the toll gates. After devoting a couple of days to consideration of this generous offer, he declined it on the ground of his time being so fully taken up that he could not give sufficient attention to the interests of his constituents.

One of the finest whist players of his day, he was noted for his love of cards in most capitals of Europe. In this matter, as on the Turf, he betted in no undecided fashion, wagering huge sums every night.

A descendant of Villiers seigneurs, of L'Isle Adam, in Normandy, came over to England with the Conqueror. GEORGE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK VILLIERS, VISCOUNT VILLIERS, and subsequently SIXTH EARL OF JERSEY, was born on April 4th, 1808, and married, in July, 1841, Julia, eldest daughter of Sir Robert Peel, second Baronet.

The Hon. F.
Villiers
—Master,
1851-52
and
1856-61.



THE HON. F. VILLIERS.

A lover of hunting, as was his father before him, the subject of these notes was a horseman to the manner born, and well known with the leading packs of England many years before Lord Alford, owing to failing health, was compelled to give up the Mastership of the Pytchley in 1851. Writing on this fact, Mr. Nethercote said: "The difficulty of finding a successor to Lord Alford was soon happily overcome, the Hon. Frederick Villiers undertaking to fill the vacant office. The purchase of Sulby Hall and the estate from Mr. George Payne

having given Mr. Villiers the position of a county proprietor, it would have been impossible to find a more suitable Master for the Pytchley Hunt. An elegant, though not powerful, horseman, like his father, Lord Jersey, Mr. Villiers rode well to hounds, and from invariably eschewing horses with no manners he was certain to form one of the front rank during a good thing. Holding his field well in hand, he did not fail to give the doer of mischief a bit of his mind, but never exceeded the rights of his position, nor made a too constant remonstrance. An excellent man of

**The Hon. F.
Villiers.**

business, the new owner of Sulby threw himself thoroughly into all county matters, and never permitted pleasure to take the precedence of duty. Two years, however, saw the completion of a first term of office as M.F.H., which was however renewed in 1856 with the Hon. H. C. Cust as Joint-Master, as stated in the History. Mr. Villiers finally retired in 1861.

**Lord
Spencer
—Master,
1861-64;
1874-78;
and
1890-94.**

According to Camden, the fifth knight in continuous succession was the first Lord Spencer of Wormleighton, and his grandson, Henry Lord Spencer, the first Earl of Sunderland. Wormleighton in Warwickshire, and Althorp in Northamptonshire, have been for hundreds of years the patronymic of this noble house. Born October 27th, 1835, the EARL SPENCER (SIR JOHN POYNTZ SPENCER, K.G., P.C., VISCOUNT SPENCER, and BARON SPENCER OF ALTHORP, Northamptonshire). A whig of the whigs, it was only in the order of things that he should be educated at Harrow, and Trinity College, Cambridge, as other members of his family had been before him. He took his degree at the last-named seat of learning in 1856, at a date when noblemen were perhaps less desirous of scholastic attainment than they are to-day.



EARL SPENCER.

Without entering too diffusely in the political side of Lord Spencer's character, it must be noted that, coming of a great whig family, he naturally took up the cudgels in support of the cause, and the interests of men of like views in the county. His grandfather was Secretary of State for the Home Department, under Mr. Fox, and his uncle a Junior Lord of the Treasury in the same Ministry in 1806.

As a hunting man, however, it behoves us to deal with the present Earl. Upon the resignation of Mr. Villiers, the county unanimously requested Earl Spencer to accept the Mastership of the Pytchley. The hounds were in excellent condition at the time of his succession.

Charles Payne, who came into the country under the auspices of Mr. George Payne, was managing the pack. Earl Spencer's manner at the covert side was one of his greatest charms; for all men alike he had a cheerful recognition, while as a worker with hounds his energy was remarkable. A bold, straight rider, he was always with his hounds, his example being contagious with his fields.

It scarcely comes within the province of this work to mention the Althorp racing stud. When Earl Spencer contemplated the Mastership of the Pytchley, he had the stud removed to Harleston, where it was placed under the management of Mr. Wilson, of that neighbourhood, who had previously been stud groom to the Duke of Orleans.

Gladiator and Cotherstone were the principal stallions, the latter especially breeding many fine hunters.

It would be almost invidious to refer to Earl Spencer as a scholar, as members of the family are to the manner born, Althorp possessing one of the finest libraries of modern times.

**Captain
E. P.
Elmhirst
—Master,
(Woodland)
1880-81.**

CAPTAIN EDWARD PENNELL ELMHIRST, son of the Rev. Edward Elmhirst, of Shawell, Leicestershire, was born at Shawell and educated at Rugby and Sandhurst, subsequently serving nineteen years in the 9th Regiment of Foot.

Captain Elmhirst is the oldest hunting correspondent in England, and he is known to readers of *The Field* as "Brooksby." He has hunted all his life—for fifteen years in the Melton country and for many years with the Pytchley, of which he hunted the Woodland pack for a short time.

He is a member of the Naval and Military, and lives at Blisworth House, near Northampton.



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CAPTAIN E. P. ELMHIRST

According to Nethercote, at the close of the third season Lord Lonsdale transferred his establishment from the Woodland Pytchley into Lincolnshire, and was succeeded, in 1885, by Mr. AUSTIN MACKENZIE, late Master of the Old Berkeley Hounds, who, by his unceasing endeavours to show sport in a district where few cared to appear at the meets and support him by their presence, had won the good opinion of the neighbourhood.

Mr. A.
Mackenzie
Master
(Woodland)
1885-89.



MR. A. MACKENZIE.

The third son of the late Mr. Edward Mackenzie, of Fawley Court, Buckinghamshire, and of Newbie, Dumfriesshire, he was born in 1856, and educated at Eton. He afterwards became a captain in the 5th Batt. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, having previously been lieutenant in the Oxfordshire Militia and 3rd Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers. He is a J.P. for counties Dumfries, Argyll, and Northampton, and a member of the Royal Company of Archers (His Majesty's Bodyguard for Scotland). Hardened to horse and hound in due course, he, in 1881, took office with the Old Berkeley (West), and carried the horn himself. He bought Mr. Longman's dog pack and, with an especial idea of studying breeding scientifically, a few of the best bitches which that gentleman had at his disposal. On his succession to the Mastership of the Woodland Pytchley he hunted the country for thirteen years, and showed fine sport with a rising pack.

In this connection it may be noted that the subject of these brief notes had been building up hounds the while. From the Old Berkeley (West) he brought a good pack. After that he put in colour and shape from the Belvoir, Blankney, and the Puckeridge strains. He could talk of the Belvoir Nominal, if we mistake not,

and at Brigstock they had a lot to say of Spartan and Dexter, and those good bitches, Dairymaid, Winifred, and Wanton.

We had almost omitted to mention that his colours are familiar to Turfites, whether on the flat or across country. To most of us the names of Tib in the former instance and Johnny Longtail, Blarney, and Princess of Waldeck are green in memory.

Mr. Mackenzie married, in 1878, Lucy Maria, second daughter of Major Augustin Tuite-Dalton, J.P., of Fennor, county Meath.

Very difficult would it be to name a more popular man in the Pytchley country than Mr. W. M. WROUGHTON. Entered to hare, we believe, some years before going to Harrow, he first saw the sport from his father's home at Woolley, near Wantage. As he grew older he began following two packs of foxhounds, the Craven and Old Berkshire to wit, the Woodhill Gorse being situated on the paternal acres. A son of the late Mr. Philip Wroughton, and brother of Mr. P. Wroughton, for many years M.P. for Berkshire, Mr. Wroughton was educated at Harrow, and Christ Church, Oxford. At Harrow he was a cricketer, and had the felicity of playing in the winning eleven against Eton in 1868.

Mr. W. M.
Wroughton
Master,
1894-1902;
(Woodland)
1903-08.

During his stay at Oxford he hunted as often as his reading would permit with Lord Macclesfield's, and during vacation from the home stables with the Old Berkshire and Craven.

Becoming a partner in the Cannon Brewery eventually added considerably to his pecuniary resources, and for several years he hunted in the Vale of Aylesbury. Then, in 1879, he joined Mr. Evan Hanbury (afterwards Master of the Cottessmore) at Braunston for a period, and subsequently took up his quarters permanently at Creton Lodge, Northampton. Thirteen years' close study of the Pytchley country was not thrown away upon so apt a pupil as Mr. Wroughton, and, being approached, he felt he could honestly accept the Mastership of the great pack, and do justice to the stewardship. In a country where long-standing local association ranks so high, it is no easy matter for a stranger to the land to make himself popular unless he is not only a hard worker, but possessed of great tact. Fortunately, Mr. Wroughton could lay claim to both qualities, and before long he had placed himself on the best of footing with land and covert owners and the farmers of the district. Resolved also to have the best pack of hounds, if possible, in the country, he made a study of



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THE PYTCHLEY (1908). LORD ANNALY (MASTER).

breeding upon scientific lines, with the result that his hounds ran the celebrated Belvoirs very close. Mr. W. M. Wroughton
Willing to sacrifice himself in every way to the sport, Mr. Wroughton, while ever courteous to his field, insisted upon fair play for his Hunt servants and hounds. This was easier to him than it would have been to many, as he is a dashing horseman, and was always superbly mounted. He also saw that his Hunt servants were equally well provided, as he is by no means an admirer of men who are "always on the floor."

When Mr. Austen Mackenzie retired from the Woodland Pytchley in 1899, he sold his pack of hounds for 5,000 guineas, Mr. Wroughton purchasing his highly-bred pack of bitches for £3,000. These he lent to Lord Southampton, and afterwards to Mr. Walter de P. Cazenove, with which to hunt the Woodland Pytchley district.

Mr. Wroughton married, in 1880, Miss Cazenove, daughter of the late Mr. Henry Cazenove, of The Lilies, Aylesbury, and has a family of sport-loving children.

In 1903, on the resignation of Mr. Cazenove, Mr. Wroughton took over the Mastership of his own pack, and controlled the destinies of the Woodland Pytchley until 1908, when he was followed by Mr. C. Mills, of Sudborough House, Thrapston.

A grandson of that Lord Annaly who served with the 14th Dragoons during the Peninsular War, and was present at Badajoz and Salamanca, where he obtained medal and clasps, THE HON. LUKE WHITE, THIRD BARON ANNALY, comes of a fighting stock. Born February 25th, 1857, he succeeded his father in 1888. Educated at Eton and Sandhurst, he joined the Scots Guards in 1877, served with them in the Egyptian Campaign, and retired as captain in 1896. Lord Annaly—present Master.

The family home, Luttrellstown, county Dublin, was well calculated to foster his sporting proclivities, and as a youngster he first enjoyed hunting with the Ward Union. Other packs followed in that splendid country for educating man and horse, notably the Kildare and Meath. When on this side of the Channel he kept his hand in with the Household Brigade Draghounds, at Windsor.

In 1884, Lord Annaly married Lilah, daughter of the third Lord Clifden, and she, on the death of her brother, inheriting the Holdenby estate, Lord and Lady Annaly took up their residence there in 1895. Holdenby House, the beauty of which was world-famous, was restored a few years since, and his Lordship, who had been hunting with the Pytchley for some seasons previously, was, in 1902, persuaded to succeed Mr. Wroughton as Master of that historic pack, a position which he still continues to hold, to the great satisfaction of the Hunt.

Lady Annaly's daughters also grace the fields with their presence, and their son, Luke Henry, who is a sub-lieutenant in that smart regiment, the 11th Hussars, is following in the footsteps of his father.

To say that Lord Annaly is popular in the Pytchley country hardly conveys an adequate expression of the regard and esteem in which he is held. Not only is he a sportsman to the manner born, but he has identified himself with the agricultural interests of the county of Northampton. In intimate touch with the farmers, he is as welcome at an agricultural show as at the side of a fox covert. An additional reason for the agriculturists being with him is that he has taken an active part in the National Yeomanry movement, and, in 1897, accepted a commission in the Buckinghamshire Yeomanry, in which was incorporated the Northamptonshire squadron. In this he served four years, but in 1901, a separate Northamptonshire Regiment of Imperial Yeomanry being in formation, its creation and command were entrusted to him.

Between the years 1879 and 1882, Lord Annaly constantly donned cap and jacket on our courses, chiefly in Military steeplechases. In the Guards' Point-to-Point events he was always a notable figure, usually playing a leading part, and among his triumphs was the felicitous one of steering Fairplay, the property of His Majesty (then Prince of Wales), to victory in the Household Brigade Cup. Among the many excellent hunters owned by his Lordship, Magic, Patch, and The Saint deserve special mention. As a whip his ability is well known, and he was early requested to "tool" the Regimental Drag. He is still among "the best on the box" of the Four-in-Hand Club. Polo and deerstalking are well-beloved pastimes, and he takes a keen interest in all sport.

His clubs are The Turf and Marlborough.

**Mr. C. E.
Frederick**
—Hon. Sec.

The important post of Secretary to the Pytchley Hunt is undertaken by Mr. C. E. FREDERICK, of Braunston, Rugby.

**Mr. C.
Adam-
thwaite.**

Having hunted with the Pytchley practically all his life, Mr. CHARLES ADAMTHWAITE, who was born in July, 1860, may be regarded as one of the oldest followers of the pack. He is a son of the late Mr. John Adamthwaite, J.P., D.L., of Oakhill, Staffordshire, was educated at Cheltenham



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. C. ADAMTHWAITE.

College, and as quite a youngster commenced his hunting career in Ireland, where he gained a first introduction to the sport with the Meath and Kildare. In 1884, he commenced to hunt with the Pytchley, taking up his residence at Drayton House, Daventry, a centre which has enabled him to devote a share of attention to the Grafton and both the Warwickshire packs.

Many good horses, needless to say, have passed into Mr. Adamthwaite's possession at various times, and in Braunston, by Xnopten, Princess, by Crown Prince, and Victoria, by Victorious, he owned a trio of remarkable performers.

In a country where reputations are not easily won, Mr. Adamthwaite has stamped himself as one of the best riders of his time, added to which he has met with some success between the flags, winning the North

Warwickshire Hunt Cup in three successive years. As a polo player his reputation is more than local. Since 1896 he has been a prominent member of the County Polo Association, and has played constantly in Hurlingham, Warwick, and Rugby Teams. The duties of farming an estate of over 500 acres occupy much of his time, and his services as a judge have been constantly requisitioned at agricultural shows.

**Mr. J. E.
Atterbury.**

MR. JOHN ERNEST ATTERBURY, of Welford, Northamptonshire, was born on July 20th, 1871, and is the son of the late Mr. John Herbert Atterbury, of Welford, Northamptonshire. He was educated at Rugby, and Clare College, Cambridge, afterwards studying agricultural chemistry at Cambridge University, taking his diploma there in 1897. He then for several years assisted in the University Agricultural Department, and conducted their field experiments.

He is a regular follower of the Pytchley, Atherstone, and Mr. Fernie's pack. Two of Mr. Atterbury's finest hunters are Ben, 16.2, a splendid jumper, whom he has ridden for seven seasons, and Blackberry, 16.2, a good all-round hunter. He is a breeder and local exhibitor of shire horses and has won a great number of prizes.



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MR. J. E. ATTERBURY.

**Mr. H. C.
Bently.**

Of the hunting men who have also taken part in point-to-point racing and steeplechasing, Mr. HARRY CUMBERLAND BENTLY deserves to be numbered amongst the foremost. Son of Mr. Henry Bently, born on May 14th, 1860, at Eshald, Yorkshire, Mr. Bently, though a Yorkshireman, has hunted chiefly in the shires. At the age of seven, he was blooded with the Southwold, his home then being Scribelsby Court. Following this he hunted with the Bramham Moor, York and Ainsty, West Norfolk, and Meynell packs. Two years after his marriage, which took place in 1886, he came to reside at Eastlands, Rugby, and in the following year took Arthingworth Hall, from whence he hunted regularly with the Pytchley and the neighbouring

packs, until the house was completely gutted by fire, in 1900. He then purchased Nithsdale, Market Harborough, a residence situated equally well for the meets of that famous pack and also Mr. Fernie's. At the University, Mr. Bently figured as a polo player, and was Captain of the Cambridge University Polo Club. He has played for his University three times against Oxford.

Mr. H. C.
Bently.

As a winner of point-to-point races, Mr. Bently's success, since 1900, has been phenomenal. In that year—March 19th—he won the Pytchley Light-Weight Point-to-Point with Bamboozle,



MR. H. C. BENTLY.

by The Lawyer—Lothario, out of seventeen starters. Also, on April 2nd, the United Hunts' Light-Weight Point-to-Point with Bamboozle, from a field of twenty. On April 8th, 1891, he won the Woodland Pytchley United Hunts' Point-to-Point on Jack, by Duc de Beaufort, from ten starters, and in the following year was second on the same mount in Mr. Fernie's Hunt Point-to-Point. He took part in that memorable meeting, on April 9th, 1892, of the Midland Sportsman's United Hunt Point-to-Point at Kington, when Captain Bay Middleton was killed. The Light-Weight and the Heavy-Weight were run off together, and Mr. Bently won, coming in first of both divisions. There were thirteen starters in that event.

Mr. Bently also took part in the Quorn *v.* Pytchley Hunt Point-to-Point in 1891, the only race that has ever been run between two Hunts. A field of six a-side

started, and the victor was Mr. Barclay for the Quorn, while Mr. Bently came in first for the Pytchley, several bad falls for the other members of the field being recorded.

The subject of these notes has also, in 'chases and on the flat, won races with Peter the Hermit, by Peter Italia, and Pilot, by Dragoon, My Queen, Melrose, Lindor, Sunbeam, and others. As a result of polo and racing accidents during the last twenty years, he has broken no less than sixteen bones, besides other injuries. He has made his name famous in the pigeon-shooting world at Hurlingham, where in one day he won two International events.

Salmon fishing, as well as shooting, also finds a devotee in Mr. Bently. His wife has been a keen follower of hounds all her life, principally with the Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's. Mr. Bently's sporting poetry is well known to everybody fond of stirring lays of the chase, and he has only recently written a most successful novel, *The Love of his Life*, published by John Lane.

The truism, "Like father, like son," is aptly illustrated in the case of CAPTAIN ROBERT BINGHAM BRASSEY, the son of Mr. Albert Brassey, the well-known Master of the Heythrop Hounds, during the past thirty-five years. Captain Brassey was born at Heythrop, his father's seat, in Oxfordshire, in October, 1875, and, after being educated at Eton, went into the 4th Batt. Oxfordshire Light Infantry, from which he joined the 17th Lancers in 1897. With the latter regiment he served during the South African War for eighteen months, and was invalided home in 1901. A year previous to his retirement from the Army, in 1905, he married Violet Edith, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Henry Armar-Corry, and has since resided at Marston Trussell Hall, Market Harborough. Both Captain and Mrs. Brassey are keen lovers of hunting, and are followers of the Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's Hounds.

Captain R.
B. Brassey.

Captain Brassey began his hunting career with his father's hounds, and has in all enjoyed sport with no fewer than forty-one different packs, both in England and Ireland. On his mother's side, it may be mentioned, that he is descended from Burton Persse, of "Galway Blazer" fame, his mother being a daughter of Lord Clammorris.

Several good hunters have passed through Captain Brassey's hands. One, Florist, by Florian, he hunted with sixteen different packs. Other sports in which he takes an interest are polo, shooting, and fishing. Engravings of Captain and Mrs. Brassey appear in the Heythrop Hunt, in the volume containing the Hunts of the South West of England.

**Mr. J.
Brown
and Sons.**

MR. JAMES BROWN and his three sons, Messrs. William Henry, Harold, and S. Brown (the latter of whom is one of the three honorary whips to the Bushey Heath Beagles), are all keen followers of the Pytchley and neighbouring packs. Mr. Brown, senr., who was born in Kimbolton in 1813, has hunted all his life, combining that sport with farming, in which he has been interested since his early efforts in 1872. For thirty years he lived at Sywell, Northamptonshire (where his eldest son now resides), and hunted with the Pytchley, but has since removed to Earl's Barton, in the same county. The Fitzwilliam and the Oakley were the first packs with which Mr. Brown became acquainted, and from his residence at Rounds he hunted with them both for nearly twenty years.

His eldest son, Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BROWN, was born at St. Ives in 1875, and, having qualified in 1893 for a veterinary surgeon, has been practising with considerable success among the studs of some of the best sportsmen in the Pytchley country for the last seven years. He lives in York Road, Northampton, and has hunted with this pack and the Grafton all his life. Mr. W. H. Brown plays polo, and was with his brother a member of the Northamptonshire Polo Club for the two years of that institution's brief existence.

The younger son, Mr. HAROLD BROWN, was born at St. Ives in 1876. In 1900 he went out to the Boer War with the Bucks Yeomanry under the able command of the lamented Lord Chesham. Mr. H. Brown was twice wounded, and was, moreover, the recipient of the Distinguished Conduct Medal for saving the life of Colonel Eric Smith. He has won the Yeomanry Point-to-Point at East Haddon, and that of the Pytchley Farmers. Grey Priest, his best hunter, met his end on Towcester racecourse. When not hunting, Mr. Brown is busily engaged in farming, and he breeds and "makes" hunters and polo ponies, and also "raises" shorthorns and Lincoln sheep. He plays polo, and one of his best ponies, Patience, was ridden by a member of the Irish team in the international match in 1906. Mr. Brown married a daughter of B. Bletsoe, the well-known trainer of Grudon, Tom West, and other celebrities, and lives at Sywell House, Northamptonshire, on the borders of the Grafton and Oakley countries.

**Mr. J. R.
Buxton.**

MR. JOHN ROBERT BUXTON, of Spring Hill, Cliftonville, Northampton, is well known in the Midlands. Born on July 2nd, 1850, in the town of Northampton, where his grandfather settled about 1780 at the same time purchasing a small estate, which is still in our subject's possession—and educated at the Grammar School, Oundle, Mr. J. R. Buxton decided upon the law as a profession. Ill-health, however, unfortunately interfering with his work, he spent a couple of winters abroad. On his return home he remained with his father, the late Mr. George

Buxton, until his death in 1876, devoting his time to hunting. An enthusiast of the great science for the past thirty years, he has followed several notable packs, under, it need scarcely be added, numerous Masterships. A well-known figure with the Pytchley, Grafton, and Oakley, he has a keen eye for a hunter, buying them almost invariably at four years old on seeing them with hounds; many of them have taken prizes, and later realized high prices in the hands of the big dealers. Mr. Buxton's daughter promises to become as keen on the sport as her father.



**Mr. E.
Caze-
nove.**

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MR. E. CAZENOVE.

A prominent member of the Stock Exchange for many years, and now one of the trustees and managers of the same, Mr. EDWARD CAZENOVE, J.P. for Northamptonshire, is equally well known in the hunting field. He commenced, when a lad, in the Vale of Aylesbury, where he hunted for many seasons. Since 1889 his

chief source of sport has been the Pytchley, which pack he follows from his admirably situated hunting box, Cottesbrooke Cottage, Cottesbrooke, Northamptonshire. The Quorn, Cottesmore,



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and Mr. Fernie's have given him occasional enjoyable days, and he has also renewed his acquaintance with the Vale of Aylesbury country. His finest hunter, Careful, is a big, powerful fencer, and has been ridden a few seasons. Tennis and village cricket amuse Mr. Cazenove, and he is a major in the Northamptonshire Yeomanry, also representing the Stock Exchange in the City of London Territorial Association.

Mr. Cazenove was born on February 25th, 1856, the son of the late Mr. Edward Cazenove, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. His education was of a private nature. In 1885 he was married to Gwendoline, youngest daughter of the late Mr. William Chambres, J.P., D.L. Mrs. Cazenove is a well-known figure with the Pytchley, her early hunting education having taken place with the Denbigh and Flint Hunts. Of their two sons, Ralph (aged fifteen, at Eton) and Philip (aged six), the latter was blooded at five years old by Freeman, when he became huntsman to the Pytchley. Mr. Cazenove is a member of the Conservative Club, and his London residence is 53, Seymour Street, Portman Square, W.

Mr. E.
Cazenove.

CAPTAIN REGINALD SPENCER CHAPLIN, son of Colonel J. W. Chaplin, V.C., C.B., late 8th Hussars, of Kibworth Hall, Leicester, was born at Harlestone, Northampton, on November 21st, 1872, his father at that time being on the Vice-Regal Staff in Ireland. Educated at Harrow, he

Captain R.
S. Chaplin.



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CAPTAIN R. S. CHAPLIN.

joined the Army after passing through Sandhurst, entering the 10th Hussars. He was A.D.C. for two years to Lord Roberts when he was Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, 1896-98, and served in the South African War, after which he retired from the Army. With the example of so gallant a soldier and sportsman as his father, it naturally follows that our subject made his acquaintance with the saddle at a tender age. His earliest associations with the chase were with a pack of harriers at Shorncliffe at the age of five years, following which as a schoolboy he hunted with Sir Bache Comard's Hounds from his father's house at Kibworth. When quartered in Ireland with his regiment, the 10th Hussars, he hunted with various packs, including the Tipperary, the Meath, and Kildare, and whipped in to the Muskerry during Lord William Bentinck's term of office. The sporting trophies that are to be seen on the walls of his Northamptonshire

residence, Welford Grange, are a testimony to the success which he has gained with the rifle in various parts of the world. Fishing and polo have also an equal interest for him. He is a member of most polo clubs, and of the Cavalry and Boodle's. For several years past Captain Chaplin has hunted regularly with the Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's.

The son of the fourth baronet, and Mary Grace, daughter of the Right Rev. E. Trollope, Bishop of Nottingham, SIR ARTHUR DE CAPELL-BROOKE, fifth baronet, was born on October 12th, 1869.

Sir A.
de Capell-
Brooke, Bt.

After a course at Eton he proceeded to Christ Church College, Oxford, where he hunted with the Bicester, South Oxfordshire, and the Old Berkshire for about four seasons, as well as finding time to take his degree (B.A.). Since those days he has devoted his energies to the Woodland Pytchley.

Sir Arthur was married in 1897, five years after he succeeded his father to the title, to Fanny C. Talbot, daughter of Captain Duncan McNeill, of Oronsay Priory, Argyllshire. He is a member of the Carlton, Travellers', and Boodle's Clubs, and officiated as High Sheriff of Rutlandshire in 1899; he served in South Africa with the 3rd Northants Regiment in 1902.

Mr. J. Cooper.

Born in 1815, and educated at Daventry, Mr. JOHN COOPER, of East Haddon, Northamptonshire, is one of the oldest hunting personalities of the Pytchley. He has devoted himself all his lifetime to the sport, and many are his interesting reminiscences of the hunting field. Mr. Cooper comes of a family which has been associated with the Pytchley fortunes for several generations, for his grandfather used to look after the famous Crick Covert when Squire Osbaldeston was Master of the Hounds. Mr. Cooper's own experiences with the Pytchley date from 1857, when he first went out during the Hon. F. Villiers' term of office. Formerly he lived for several years with his uncle, Mr. Henry Sanders, at Brampton Hill, and remembers Sanders' Gorse being planted in 1858, when it had been originally intended to name it Balaclava Gorse, just as Waterloo Gorse was named in commemoration of the year of Waterloo. Mr. Cooper has been a well-known judge in most of the important shows in England, and has acted also in the same capacity at the Dublin Horse Show. He himself is a successful breeder of hunters and racehorses, and has exported many to India and Africa.



MR. J. COOPER.

Mr. Cooper took part in the famous Knightley run in 1890, when hounds found at Knightley Wood, and ran through the Grafton and Bicester countries until the fox went to ground at Edgell, a fifteen-mile point.

Mr. H. E. Courage.

Son of the late Mr. Henry Courage, Mr. HARRY ERNEST COURAGE was born on July 17th, 1869, and educated at Rugby School. Originally destined for the Army, he duly passed his examination, but abandoned the idea before entering the Service.

First experiences of hunting as a boy were with the Surrey Union, and after two or three seasons in the Vale of Aylesbury he settled down on his father's estate in Sussex, hunting with the principal Southern packs for some years. In 1898 he agreed to accept, in conjunction with the Hon. C. Brand, the Joint-Mastership of the Southdown. Living in Sussex until the death of his father, he then migrated to Northamptonshire, and took Pitsford Hall. This historic mansion, so intimately associated with lovers of the pink, more notably Mr. Osbaldeston and Colonel Anstruther Thomson, is an ideal centre for meets in the flying countries. Since residing there he has turned his attention principally to the Pytchley.



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MR. H. E. COURAGE.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MRS. COURAGE.

A frequent performer in steeplechases and point-to-point races, an enumeration of his many successes would form too lengthy a list; we may, however, mention those of three good performers: Bill, by Soulongue Offchurch, won six point-to-point races and steeplechases consecutively; Harlequin, by The Preacher, and Acolyte, by The Abbot Milkmaid, the latter of whom was bred by Mr. Courage himself, placed three wins each to his credit; whilst Mrs. Courage's horse Ploughboy, by Mayboy, carried off the Pytchley Point-to-Point.

He married, in 1892, Isabel Winifred, younger daughter of Mr. Stephen Soames, of Cranford Hall, Kettering. Mrs. Courage is a fine horsewoman, has hunted since her childhood, and is a well-known follower of the Pytchley.

A lover of polo, Mr. Courage used to play at London clubs; is also an enthusiastic fisherman, and frequently visits Scotland, Ireland, and Norway, and one season had the good fortune to kill 200 fish to his own rod.

He is a director of Courage & Co., the famous brewing firm, and a member of White's, the Bath, and Hurlingham Clubs.

Mr. H. E.
Courage.

The second son of the late Mr. Lovell Cowley, of Ashby St. Ledgers, Mr. WILLIAM PAYNE COWLEY was born on November 29th, 1835. In 1867 he married Elizabeth, third daughter of the late Mr. John C. Price, of Kilsby, Northamptonshire.

Mr. W. P.
Cowley
and Sons.

Mr. Cowley has had an experience of nearly seventy years of hunting, for in 1840 he saw his first fox killed at the age of five, and was duly blooded by that fine old huntsman, the late Charles Payne. He has always been a regular follower of the Pytchley, and has had occasional days with Mr. Fernie's, the Woodland Pytchley, the Warwickshire, and the late Mr. Wm. Angerstein's scratch pack of foxhounds. Mr. Cowley considers one of his best hunters to have been the The Grey Mare, 15.3, a thoroughbred, who carried him for four seasons.



Photo by Speight, Market Harborough.

MR. W. P. COWLEY.

As a breeder and exhibitor of shorthorns he has won many prizes, including cups, medals, and the addenda usually associated with leading exhibitors. He is a life member of the Royal Horticultural Society, and lives at Braybrooke Lodge, Braybrooke, Northamptonshire.

His eldest son, Mr. EDWIN CHARLES COWLEY, was born on April 30th, 1869, and followed in the footsteps of his father by adopting farming as a business.

Blooded by Will Goodall as a lad of fifteen with the Pytchley, he was a regular follower of the pack until the outbreak of the war in South Africa. He then joined the Leicestershire Imperial Yeomanry, was mentioned in despatches, has received the late Queen's and His present Majesty's medals with five clasps, and the Imperial Yeomanry long service medal. Returning to England at the end of the war, he again continued to follow the Pytchley, and is also well known with the Duke of Beaufort's, Mr. Fernie's, the Woodland Pytchley, Whaddon Chase, Earl Fitzwilliam's, Cottesmore, Blackmore Vale, and with Lord Rothschild's Staghounds.

Among the good hunters he has owned, Elopement was a particularly fine jumper, and once took the "double jump" from a trot without touching either hurdle. Platonic Friendship (whose name he facetiously explains was bestowed because he was faster than he looked) won the silver cup for the Pytchley Hunt Point-to-Point Race in 1903.

He is a member of the Market Harborough Polo Club, and is fond of sport in general.

The younger son, Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM COWLEY, was born at Ashby St. Ledgers, Northamptonshire, in June, 1872. Educated locally, he decided upon following the same profession as his father, and is now a tenant farmer, and known as a fine judge of a horse. His first acquaintance with the hunting field was some thirty years ago, when six years old. The pack followed was the Woodland Pytchley, Lord Lonsdale then holding the Mastership. Other experiences followed, and during later years he has ridden with most of the leading packs in the kingdom. His main attention is now occupied by the Pytchley and Mr.



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MR. F. W. COWLEY.

Fernie's. A fine rider to hounds, he has varied matters by a good deal of work between the flags, both chasing and point-to-point racing, and can claim his fair share of successes. Of the many fine hunters owned by him he thinks that Gipsy Maid was probably the best.

Interested in shooting and "the leash," he now resides at The Lodge, Market Harborough.

Mr. J. L.
Cross.

The son of the late Mr. James Percival Cross, MR. JAMES LESLIE CROSS was born at Montfield, Bolton, Lancashire, in 1875, and educated at Eton. He was blooded with the Cheshire Foxhounds at the age of five. In 1882 the family migrated to Leicestershire, taking up residence at Catthorpe Towers, Catthorpe, and during the last quarter of a century Mr. Cross has become familiar with all the principal packs in the Midlands. Between the Pytchley, Mr. Fernie's, Atherstone, and North Warwickshire he manages to put in six days of a hard-riding week, and the members of his family are equally enthusiastic.

Under such circumstances it is almost needless to add that he has owned many valuable hunters, among which Kennet, Pickpocket III., and King Dick must be especially mentioned. The last-named carried him into



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MR. J. L. CROSS.



Mr. J.
Darnell.

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MR. J. DARNELL.

second place for the Pytchley Point-to-Point Race in 1903, Pickpocket III. being third, and Kennet carried him first past the post in 1907. Our illustration portrays Mr. Cross mounted upon last year's winner. Kennet and Pickpocket III. are still in his stables. Among other spoils that have fallen to his share were a point-to-point race in Lancashire, and the open event of the Kirkham Harriers, which he won on No Trumps.

Mr. Cross is a member of the Junior Carlton.

A well-known grazier, MR. JOHN DARNELL, of Tur Langton, was born in Leicestershire in 1882. Beginning to ride as a boy, his early experiences

were with the Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's. He not only rides well to hounds, but shows a practical interest in the welfare of the country by having all wire on his land taken down during the hunting season. He is the son of Mr. William Darnell, and step-son of Mr. Frank Underwood, both of whom were keen followers of hounds.

Messrs.
J. and H.
Drage.

MESSRS. JOHN and HERBERT DRAGE (and their partner in the business, Mr. R. Haywood-Tanner), of Chapel Braampton, Northamptonshire, have proved themselves for some time past highly successful breeders of bloodstock. Among many notable representatives of their stable may be mentioned Merry Tom, Spitalfields, Rose Wreath, and Malua (winners of many races), for horses; and Bay Duchess and Self Sacrifice for mares. Bay Duchess was bought as a filly by Sir Humphrey de Trafford, from the Messrs. Drage Brothers, for racing purposes, along with her dam, as also was Malua, and another, out of Malua's dam, by Nunthorpe. Malua won several races after leaving Sir Humphrey's stable, and also ran into fifth place in a recent Derby. Wild Oats, another good horse, was sold to Mr. Leonard Brassey by the brothers Drage. Major Drage, of the Horse Guards, who is also a hunting man, is



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MR. J. DRAGE.

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Mr John Flower.

a brother to the Messrs. Drage to whom these notes refer. At the Dublin Horse Show, not long since, Messrs. Drage took three Firsts, a Champion, and a Reserve, out of four Irish-bred horses sent up, the fourth even running into second place; while at the Hunters Improvement Society's Show, King Edward, a chestnut gelding, won the Champion Prize, and was sold for a "monkey." The famous show-ring winner, Whisky (now the property of Mr. J. H. Stokes, of Great Bowden), was originally bought by the brothers Drage, at the Dublin Show, and won the Championship at Richmond Show before he was parted with. Mr. J. Drage has hunted, at one time and another, with most of the leading packs. He plays polo, and was born at Hamington, Northamptonshire, being a son of the late Mr. Binyoun Drage.

Messrs.
J. and H.
Drage.

The brothers Drage's principal business is selling hunters, of which they always keep about seventy in condition.

Originally bearing the cognomen of Dane, Mr. HENRY BENNETT EWENS-BARWELL-EWENS recently assumed the latter name owing to the exigencies of inheriting the Marston Trissell Estates in Leicestershire, and also others in Worcestershire. Mr. Ewens, who is the son of Mr. Benjamin James Dane, and was born in 1865, is the living representative of one of the oldest families in Northamptonshire. He has hunted all his life, principally with the Pytchley, but also to a considerable extent with the Duke of Beaufort's and other packs.

Mr. H. B.
Ewens-
Barwell-
Ewens.

We are indebted to Mr. Ewens for considerable assistance, especially in the reproduction of old pictures in connection with the history of the Pytchley.

The son of Mr. Arthur Flower, of Prince's Gate, S.W., and nephew of the late Lord Battersea, Mr. JONX FLOWER was born in Hertfordshire in April, 1883, and educated at Sandhurst. He was in due course gazetted to the 60th Rifles, and is a lieutenant in that regiment.

Mr. J.
Flower.

The county of his birth afforded Mr. Flower his first taste of hunting as soon as he could ride a pony. He has since had plenty of experience, both in England and across the Irish Channel, principally with the Meath and Duballow, where his regiment has been stationed recently. Indeed, there are few of the more important packs with which he has not hunted at one time or other.

He first made acquaintance with the Pytchley in 1900 for a few days from a place owned by his uncle in the territory of that Hunt, and needless to say he has never missed an opportunity of renewing sport with that queen of hunting countries and those in the immediate neighbourhood.

Fond of regimental steeplechasing and point-to-point races, he has had his share of success in both departments.

An enthusiastic polo player, he has enjoyed the game both here and in Malta. Coming of a family devoted to healthy-minded sports, he, like his father and the late Lord Battersea, places hunting first. At the same time he does not forget the charms of shooting and cricket.

Our hunting men "attend the meet" from all parts of the world. Mr. HERBERT JOHNSON GEDGE is a case in point, as he is a popular solicitor in Hong Kong, but periodically visits this country to "sport pink."

The son of the late Rev. Johnson Hall Gedge, he was born in York, June 4th, 1865. Choosing the law as his profession, he, after practising in this country for some years, went to Hong Kong in 1889, and entered into partnership with a firm there in 1900. Before this time, however, he had been initiated into many of the mysteries of foxhunting. Commencing with Lord Tredegar's, he added to his experience by following the "V.W.H.L.," the Old Berkshire, the Duke of Beaufort's, Mr. Fernie's, the Cottesmore, and last, but by no means least, the Pytchley.



Mr. H. J.
Gedge.

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MR. H. J. GEDGE.

Mr. H. J. Gedge.

Leicestershire is still his Mecca, and, when in England, Market Harborough finds him in evidence. Fond of sport between the flags, he has owned very useful hunters, some of which have won races over a country. He also plays polo, and is the No. 3 of the Civilian Team in Hong Kong. A first-rate shot, he, in company with two friends, still holds the snipe-shooting record for three guns in Hong Kong.

He married, in 1896, Ellen, widow of Mr. James Purdey, eldest son of the world-famed gunmaker. Mr. Gedge is a member of the Sports Club.



MR. J. GEE.

Messrs. J. and G. Gee.

Mr. John Gee, J.P., and his brother, Mr. George Gee, the sons of the late Mr. George Gee, of Elkington, Leicestershire, are both keen hunting men.

MR. JOHN GEE was born on October 2nd, 1833, and commenced to hunt as a lad of eight with the Pytchley; other packs he has followed are the North Warwickshire, Mr. Fernie's, the Atherstone, and the Devon and Somerset Staghounds. He has taken part in a good deal of steeplechasing and point-to-point racing. An Old Grey Horse, by Make Haste, and Gentle Louise, by Louis XIII., by St. Simon, were two of his best horses.

He is a member of the Farmers' Club, and lives at Welford, Northamptonshire.

A younger brother, MR. GEORGE GEE, was born on April 9th, 1811. Since his education he has been devoted to farming, like his brother. From 1850 he has hunted with the Pytchley and many packs. Plenderig, by Red Palmer, which carried him for ten seasons, Queenie, by Blue Ruin, and Magnet, were his best hunters. He lives at his old home, Elkington, Leicestershire, and possesses property in London.



MR. W. HADDON.

Mr. W. Haddon.

MR. WALTER HADDOX is the son of a Pytchley Hunt farmer, and the fourth of his generation who has made Clipstone their headquarters. He is one of the heavy-weights of the Hunt. It was astride the horse shown in the illustration that, as his second horse, Mr. Haddon, with nine other fortunate riders, saw the finish of the famous run of February 8th, 1896, the brush on that occasion falling to Mr. Haddon. The *Field* newspaper of the following week described this run as one of the most famous of the Pytchley Hunt for the last thirty years. In the *Victoria*

History of Northamptonshire (recently published) it is recorded as one of the landmark runs of the Pytchley.

Mrs. I. Harborough-Sherard.

The daughter of Mr. John de Belot, a gentleman of very ancient Huguenot descent, a planter and owner of land in Virginia (U.S.A.), Mrs. IRENE HARBOURGH-SHERARD was at an early age introduced to the pleasures of foxhunting with the pack belonging to her uncle, Mr. W. de Belot, in Virginia.

First married at the age of sixteen, she accompanied her husband to England, and having decided on taking up her abode there, explored the country by driving her own coach and four of Vermont Morgans, which she had brought with her from the States, on a protracted tour through England. Having inspected various estates and hunting districts, she finally decided upon Knebworth Park, which she took on a lease from Lord Lytton.

Early experiences with hounds on this side of the Atlantic were with Captain Johnstone's and the Herts, which were rapidly extended to the Pytchley, the Woodland Pytchley, Grafton, Warwickshire, North Warwickshire, Bicester, Mr. Fernie's, Quorn, and Cottesmore. She also hunted in

Somersetshire and Devonshire, and was a well-known figure on the other side of the Channel, hunting with the packs at Compiègne and Pau. Her stables have sheltered many fine hunters, among the more notable being Athos, an American thoroughbred; Limerick, an Irish blood horse; Sailor; Cahir, and Capulet, all thoroughbred stock. All the above are, unhappily, lights of other days, being buried in the Horse Cemetery in Guilsborough Park.

Mrs. J.
Har-
borough-
Sherard.



MRS. HARBOROUGH-SHERARD.

She married, secondly, Charles Pigott Harvey, who was High Sheriff of Northampton at the time of his death, and, thirdly, in 1908, Mr. Robert Harborough-Sherard, the great-grandson of the poet Wordsworth, and himself a writer. He was the second son of the Rev. Bennet Sherard Kennedy, of Stapleford Park, Melton Mowbray, and changed his name by deed poll on attaining his majority.

Mrs. Harborough-Sherard is herself an authoress who has won considerable *kudos* with her pen. Her two latest works, published under the well-known *nom de plume* of "Irene Osgood," namely, *To a Nun Confess'd*, and *Servitude*, have attained a wide circulation on both sides of the Atlantic. They embody many of her varied

sporting experiences, which include big-game shooting (bear, deer, big-horn, etc.) in the Rockies, and fishing. She is also an expert swimmer and has yachted extensively. Her pastimes include gardening, music and pictures, and rare books.

MR. HENRY HAWKINS, the son of Mr. H. A. Hawkins, a well-known hunting man, was born on January 15th, 1876, and educated at Taunton and Heidelberg. He owns and is Master of a pack of harriers, formerly known as the St. Andrew's pack before Mr. Hawkins acquired it from Mr. Horsey. These hounds hunt the country for about fifteen miles round Dallington in the Pytchley territory, and are kennelled at Mr. Hawkins' place, Everdon Hall, Daventry, Northamptonshire.



Mr. H.
Hawkins



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MR. T. F. HAZLEHURST.

The only son of the late Mr. John Hazlehurst, Mr. THOMAS FRANCIS HAZLEHURST, J.P., D.L., was educated privately. He married, in 1867, the Hon. Blanche, youngest daughter of the fifteenth Viscount Hereford.

A captain in the 3rd Warwickshire Rifle Volunteers, he was High Sheriff for County Northampton in 1900.

Beginning his hunting career with the Cheshire Hounds when the late Captain John White was Master, at the age of sixteen, he, after several seasons, enlarged the sphere of action by following the Warwickshire, North Warwickshire, the Atherstone, and Pytchley. This was followed by twenty years devoted almost exclusively to the Pytchley and Mr. Tailby's, and upon the retirement of the latter, continued with Mr. Fernie's, still hunting with the Pytchley.

Among his best hunters, Harlestone, Harkaway, Harrington, and Hilda were prominent. A patron of Byron's "manly game" of cricket, Mr. Hazlehurst also enjoyed deerstalking and fishing in

the North. He is a member of the Junior Carlton and Orleans Clubs, and resides at Cold Ashby Hall, Rugby.

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MR. H. HAWKINS AND HIS HARRIERS.

Mr. T. F.
Hazle-
hurst.

Mr. C. T. Hobbs.

Described in the *Daily Telegraph* as "one of the twelve best riders in England," Mr. CHARLES THOMAS HOBBS was born in Cardiff in April, 1865, and showed his taste for horseflesh at a very early age by riding between the flags, and having a string of 'chasers in training in Radnorshire.

Beginning his hunting career by whipping-in a pack of harriers belonging to Mr. Charles Williams, of Roth Court, Cardiff, he afterwards whipped-in to a second pack near Cheltenham. His entry to fox may be said to have occurred at the same time, as he then hunted with the Cotswold, "V.W.H.," and the Duke of Beaufort's, and since that date has been practically over the best part of England and Ireland in pursuit of sport. He is more especially known with the Kildare, Meath, and Ward Union as a fearless rider. He undertakes the schooling of many hunters which have to be taught good manners.

In 1903 he took up residence at Great Bowden, and began dealing and schooling young horses. Since then he has been a regular follower of the Pytchley, Quorn, Cottesmore, Mr. Fernie's, and neighbouring packs. He is a keen polo player.



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MR. C. T. HOBBS.

Mr. S. Holland.

One of the oldest followers of "The White Collars" is Mr. SYDNEY HOLLAND, of Gore Lodge, Lubenham, near Market Harborough, whose veteran father, Mr. Stephen George Holland, died only quite recently, *at* ninety. Mr. Sydney Holland has hunted over the Pytchley country pretty regularly for the last thirty years, and during that period has had experience with most of the Midland packs. His first acquaintance with the Pytchley was in 1875, when he hunted from headquarters at Rugby, but fifteen years later he came to live at his present address. Mrs. Holland, who was formerly a Miss Rokeby, a name, by the way, long associated with the best interests of the Pytchley, is a well-known and life-long follower of her husband's favourite Hunt. Mr. Sydney Holland is a Londoner by birth, is fifty-five years of age, shoots in season, has a town house in Park Street, W., and belongs to several clubs.

Dr. T. L. Ingram.



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DR. T. L. INGRAM.

Dr. THOMAS LEWIS INGRAM, M.A., M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Eng.), of Welford, Northamptonshire, was born on July 13th, 1875. He is the son of Mr. Thomas Lewis Ingram, of Muttra, United Provinces, India, and was educated at Bath, and Trinity College, Cambridge, ultimately taking his degree at the London Hospital in 1897. When a boy, he hunted with the Stevenstone for three seasons, afterwards extending his experiences with the Fitzwilliam and the Trinity Foot Beagles for four seasons. Since 1906 he has regularly followed the Pytchley, having occasional days, nevertheless, with the Southdown, Hertfordshire, and the Oxford and Cambridge Drags. 'Tateho is his favourite hunter, which he has ridden for a good many seasons.

Dr. Ingram has taken part in many of the Cambridgeshire Harriers' Points-to-Points, and when hunting is impracticable, shooting and trout-fishing claim his attention. In India



Mr. Sydney Holland.



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Mr. Holland.

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he enjoyed pig-sticking and polo. He is a member of the Royal Society's Club, St. James's Street.

Dr. T. L.
Ingram.

A hard-riding representative of the sister isle, MR. THOMAS MONTGOMERY JAMESON, who is a younger son of the late Mr. James Jameson, of Glencormac, county Wicklow, was born June 12th, 1856. His hunting experiences began as a boy of six with the Meath and the Louth, which packs he followed for seventeen seasons, with intervals spent with the Duke of Beaufort's and "V.W.H.," the two "Vales" being at that time one pack. After three seasons with the Westmeath, he settled in Northamptonshire, which county has now been his home for twenty-four seasons. A member of the Pytchley for close on a quarter of a century, Mr. Jameson was Hon. Secretary of that Hunt for seven seasons under Mr.

Mr. T. M.
Jameson.

W. Wroughton's Mastership, and was for many years a member of Mr. Fernie's. A winter in Rome and Pau, hunting in both places with the fox and draghounds, odd weeks with the Ward Union, the Fife Foxhounds, and many other packs have added pleasant experiences to his sporting recollections. Among many fine hunters the name of Gridiron stands out as probably the best Mr. Jameson ever owned or rode. A well-bred one (sired by Goldfinch, by Birdcatcher), he won the Devonshire Plate at Punchestown in the eighties, and carried his owner to



MR. T. M. JAMESON AND MISS PHYLLIS JAMESON.

hounds for several seasons, being killed in the hunting field. Ladylove, also a Goldfinch, was a smart little mare whose name brings her owner happy memories of the nine seasons during which she carried him well. Saxon also is recalled as a bold horse who ran third in a point-to-point with 15 stone up, his opponents only carrying 13 stone 7 lbs. Mr. Jameson has ridden in many points-to-points, notably the Quorn, Meath, and Pytchley, has served for nine years with the Westmeath Militia, and was a keen polo player till the loss of an eye in a shooting accident put a stop to that game for him. That accident, fortunately, has not affected his shooting. Yachting, fishing, and golf fill up the list of his pastimes. Mr. Jameson's good example is followed by his popular daughter, Miss Phyllis Jameson, and his equally popular son, Bruce, both well known with the Pytchley, though the latter is still *in statu pupillari*, and can only enjoy his hunting in the holidays. He resides at Cottesbrooke Grange, Northampton, and C 3, The Albany, Piccadilly. Clubs, Conservative and Prince's.



MRS. E. KENNARD.

Place aux dames. The Pytchley country is, as we all know, a happy playground for fine riders. MRS. E. KENNARD is a good one to follow, a bad one to beat, still holding her own with the best and youngest. All who have read her interesting novels with sport as their main theme would imagine this to be so. How she, after the manner of Major Whyte Melville, finds so much time for literature and hunting is a marvel, and when we add that for the past thirty-five years she has been following the Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's the wonder increases. A clever critic has summed up

Mrs. E.
Kennard.

the situation in the felicitous phrase, "She is at home alike with the pen or in her saddle."

Mr. E. Kennard.

OF MR. E. KENNARD, her sport-loving husband, much more could be written than the space at our disposal will permit. The son of the late Mr. William Robert Kennard, who represented the Isle of Wight in the House of Commons for many years, he was born in April, 1842, and began to ride at an early age, first seeing "pink" on a pony in the Isle of Wight. On completing his education at Cheam, Radley, and on the Continent, he threw himself into sport of all kinds, hunting, shooting, and fishing monopolizing his attention. He has published a book on salmon-fishing in Norway, illustrated by himself. His association with the Pytchley and Fernie's dates from 1873, since when he has hunted with them constantly, first from Spratton Grange, and subsequently from The Barn, Market Harborough, where he at present resides. His broken-bone record consists of a leg, two collar-bones, ribs, and a nose; he had once an ear torn off, which was successfully sewn on again. It would have been difficult in olden days to have found a straighter rider. A capable shot with rifle and smoothbore, his house boasts many trophies eloquent of his prowess. An enthusiastic golfer, he is a member of many clubs, including the St. Andrews. A painter in oils and water colours, Mr. Kennard is also an artist with the camera. There is a photograph extant of him, riding a $3\frac{1}{2}$ -h.p. motor bicycle with hands in pocket and pipe in mouth; the motor, it may be added, was travelling at the rate of thirty miles an hour at the time. His friends say of him, "The best, at the age of sixty-six, describes the man." Mr. and Mrs. Kennard are excellent exponents of the fact that the motor-car, which they always drive themselves, may be well employed as a useful accessory to hunting; none could be greater enthusiasts of both pastimes.



MR. E. KENNARD.

Count Larisch.

AN hereditary member of the Austrian House of Representatives and titular magnate, the COUNT LARISCH was born in February, 1850. As becomes the land of his birth, the Count is a rider. Early introduced to our packs, initiation was, we believe, with the Pytchley some thirty-six years ago. The Quorn, Cottesmore, and other packs followed as a matter of course. Last, but not least, Mr. Fernie's became his favourite. The Count is a mountaineer in the sense that he has climbed to shoot chamois in the mountains of his country. Karwin, Silesia, is his home address.



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COUNT LARISCH.

The Rev. C. Legard.

A name that will in years to come be added to the already long list of those clergymen who have been closely associated with the chase is that of the REV. CECIL LEGARD, heir presumptive to his brother, Sir Algernon Legard, twelfth Baronet of Ganton and Anlaby in the East Riding of the County of York.

Born in 1843, son of the late Mr. Henry Legard, of the 9th Lancers (who was mentioned by "Nimrod" among "The Crack Riders of England"), Mr. Cecil

Legard, whose mother was elder sister of the late Lord Middleton, after going through the usual course of public school and private tutor, became a freshman at Magdalene College, Cambridge, in 1863, and took his degree four years later. By his marriage in 1873 to a daughter of the late Mr. James Hall, who for nearly forty years hunted the Holderness, Mr. Legard became allied to another great hunting family. He is well known in the judging ring, and has officiated at most of

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Mr. Harold Lowther on "Linda"

the great hunter shows, as also on the flags at Peterborough. Until recently he had been the author of the *Foxhound Kennel Stud Book*, and there is probably no one who knows more about the breeding of the most famous packs of hounds. Since 1887, Mr. Legard has been Rector of Cottesbrooke, from whence he enjoys sport with the Pytchley Hounds. It should be noted that the "Scrub Close," Sir Richard Sutton's "Thorns," and "Sedge Cop" Gorse, owed their origin to Mr. Legard, who planted them during his residence in Lord Yarborough's country some five-and-twenty years ago.

The Rev. C.
Legard.

The son of the Hon. William Lowther and cousin to the Earl of Lonsdale, Mr. HAROLD ARTHUR LOWTHER was born in July, 1864, and educated at Charterhouse. It comes natural to a Lowther to hunt, and, needless to say, our subject was early initiated, his preliminary gallops being with the Oakley. Deciding to see a bit of the world, he, in 1884, took up ranching in Montana, remaining there for ten years, during which he obtained a widely-extended knowledge of horseflesh. Commissioned by the Government, he, in 1896, went to South Africa at the outbreak of the Matabele War, and purchased remounts, some 7,000 passing through his hands.

Mr. H. A.
Lowther.

He spends most of his time during the off season in America, but every winter he returns to England to hunt with the Pytchley, Quorn, Warwickshire, North Warwickshire, and other noted packs. He has not missed a year during the past decade. Needless to say, he has owned a great many good hunters, his fine judgment assisting in the selection. Of these, he considers that perhaps the best were Patch and Broughton. Hunting is his first love, but while in America he has enjoyed plenty of big-game shooting in the Rocky Mountains.

THE RIGHT HON. COURTENAY PERCY ROBERT VERNON, THIRD LORD LYVEDEN, was born at Grafton Underwood, Kettering, on December 29th, 1857. The son of the Rev. Hon. Courtenay John Vernon and Alice Gertrude, daughter of the late Rev. M. Fitzgerald S. Townshend, he was educated at Eton, and Jesus College, Cambridge. Married in 1890 to Fanny Zelig, daughter of the late Major Hill, of Wollaston Hall, near Wellingborough, he succeeded his uncle to the Barony in 1900. Formerly a captain in the 3rd Batt. Highland Light Infantry, he has the Second Class Order of the Prussian Crown. Beginning to hunt at a very early age with the Pytchley, he has since followed most of the important packs throughout the kingdom. Taking a keen interest in most sports and pastimes, he was in former years an ardent cricketer. Latterly he has devoted much time and attention to "the Roaring Game," in which he is an expert, and President of the Swiss Curling Club.

Lord
Lyveden.

MR. THOMAS MAXXING, of the Castle Brewery House, Northampton, is the head of the brewery firm of that name. He was at one time a resident in the Grafton country, and a follower of that pack and the Pytchley, with which he has hunted for nearly fifty years. He has always been interested in agriculture, and still has a farm at Wootton Grange. Formerly an owner of racehorses, he has ridden in several steeplechases. Romance was one of his best-known horses. He, however, parted with his stud some years ago.

Mr. T.
Manning.

His son, Mr. Thomas Edgar Manning, was educated at Wellingborough, and Jesus College, Cambridge. He started hunting, as a boy, with the Pytchley, when Lord Spencer was Master, and sometimes followed the Grafton. Later, when at Cambridge, he had occasional days with the Oakley and the Cambridgeshire. Mr. Manning is an excellent shot. He is a lieutenant in the Northamptonshire Yeomanry. A keen cricketer, he plays in the county team.

CHARLES RICHARD JOHN SPENCER CHURCHILL, NINTH DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH, K.G., P.C., of Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, and Sunderland House, 38B, Curzon Street, Mayfair, the only son of the eighth Duke, was born on November 13th, 1871, and succeeded in 1892. He was educated at Winchester, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was Master of the Draghounds, and during his Mastership (1892-93) he won the much-prized 'Varsity Whip. The Duke has followed the Bicester, Heythrop, Pytchley,



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THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH.

**Duke of
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Quorn, and Cottesmore, and of his many good light-weight hunters, White-Stockings, Malmsey, Quickstep, Brownbread, Query, Grey Dobbin, Maruder, Peppercorn, and Mago were some of the best. A keen preserver of game, especially partridges, which have prospered exceedingly at Blenheim, he bagged 817 brace in 1906 in four days. The Duke entered the arena of politics, and in 1895 moved the Address in the House of Lords; he became Paymaster-General in 1899, and Under-Secretary for the Colonies in 1903-05. In 1895 he married Consuelo, daughter of Mr. William Kissam Vanderbilt, of New York, and in 1897 was born his heir, the Marquess of Blandford.

**Captain
G. G.
Middleton.**

CAPTAIN GEORGE GRAHAM MIDDLETON has inherited that love of sport from his father, Captain J. A. Middleton, late of the Royal Dragoons, and his grandfather, Mr. George Middleton. Born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1879, he was educated at Eton, and passed into the Army through the Militia, being gazetted to the Royal Scots Greys in 1899. He went through the South African campaign with his regiment, for which he has been awarded several medals.

Earliest experiences of the hunting field were when his father was Master of the Fife for nine years, in which he succeeded Colonel Anstruther Thomson, after having previously kept a pack of harriers in the Fife country. With these two packs the subject of this sketch took his first lessons. He then followed Lord Eglinton's for some seasons, but of late years has devoted his attention to the flying country, and thinks that the Pytchley district is "the king of countries" in very deed. It is an interesting fact that his earliest experience of it was when he went to stay at Hazelbeach Hall with Captain "Bay" Middleton, his uncle, whose home it was.

In 1904, his regiment was quartered at Weedon, an excellent centre, not only for the Pytchley, but Bicester, Warwickshire, North Warwickshire, and Grafton. Lord Annaly, in 1905, gave Captain Middleton the adjutancy of the Northamptonshire Imperial Yeomanry, which he retained until he met with a serious accident on March 14th, 1907, which prevented his fulfilling duty for a considerable period. Not only in the hunting field is Captain Middleton known as a straight and fearless rider, but, as all the world knows, his name is great as a gentleman jockey between the flags. His successes have been so numerous since he began race-riding, in 1898, that an enumeration of them would require more space than is at our disposal. Suffice it to say, therefore, that probably the best horse he ever owned was Shooting Star II. In 1906 this horse won nine races out of ten for which he started—in the tenth being second to Ramunculus, which was favourite for the Grand National of that year. May's Pride was another fine jumper, while two of the best hunters owned by Captain Middleton were Cork Harbour and Red Pottage. The Captain trains a few horses in Northamptonshire, and Gore (of Findon) has also a string belonging to him under his care.

Fond of polo, he has played the game largely with his regiment, and is fond of the better class of field sports generally. A member of the Cavalry, Bath, and most of our racing Clubs, he has rooms in Curzon Street, Mayfair, and he has a country residence, known as The Wilderness, Kelmarsh, Northamptonshire.

No history of the Pytchley would be complete without a brief mention of our subject's uncle, Captain "Bay" Middleton. To what precise association of ideas the sobriquet of "Bay" was



THE LATE EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA AND CAPTAIN "BAY" MIDDLETON.



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Captain George Graham Middleton.

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The late Mr. G. Middleton.



The late Captain J. A. Middleton.

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applied to the late Captain William George Middleton we hardly know. Whether it was in some way connected with the Derby winner of ten years before he was born, or owing to his complexion, we will not attempt to decide. The eldest son of Mr. George Middleton, scion of an ancient Aberdeenshire family, Mr. W. G. Middleton was born in 1846, and educated privately at Twickenham, being gazetted to the 12th Lancers in 1865, which smart regiment he joined when stationed at Newbridge, Ireland. In the Emerald Isle he was a most popular member, and in the early seventies was appointed A.D.C. to Earl Spencer, then the Viceroy. No happier choice could have been made, as both the Earl and his attendant were the keenest lovers of the noble science.

The late
Capt.
"Bay"
Middleton.

A singularly fine horseman, with exceptionally good hands, Captain Middleton was honoured by a request to lead the late Empress of Austria during the four seasons she visited this country and Ireland—hunting one year in Northamptonshire, two in Meath, and one in Cheshire. Such a delicate task requires no ordinary combination of loyalty, nerve, and judgment, and when we recollect that Captain Middleton came out with flying colours, it is only adding another feather to the cap of a distinguished hunting family.

Marrying, in 1882, Miss Baird, sister of the Master of the Cottesmore, Captain Middleton settled down to the enjoyment of hunting, after he had sent in his Service papers. Possessed of all the necessary qualities to shine in the hunting field, and owning a most exceptional stud, which he had built up with the greatest care, he consequently saw the best of every good thing. Moreover, having a marvellous eye for hounds, he invariably finished well up in our flying countries, of which the Pytchley was his favourite hunting ground.

To echo in detail his achievements between the flags would be but reciting a twice-told tale, and out of place in a work devoted to hunting. Of the many fine horses owned by him, and their name is legion, the best was unquestionably Lord of the Harem, who won him no less than twenty-eight races, before breaking his neck, at Whitehaven, in the early eighties. This was a wonderfully clever 'chaser—one which could go fast and stay. Among other of his notable performers were Punjaub and Doneraile, both of whom did him yeoman service.

And now comes the sad part—a note from the "Marche Funèbre." On Saturday, April 9th, 1892, just as the lovers of athletic power were returning from viewing the Boat Race, came the sad news that the genial "Bay" Middleton had been killed while riding in the Parliamentary Steeplechase at Kinton. As to the precise manner of his accident reports varied in a most unaccountable way, some asserting it to have been at a fence, others that his horse "pecked" while galloping on the flat. In any case, the bold rider and gallant officer pitched on his head on hard ground, and his neck was broken. His death occurred when in the prime of life, with every faculty unimpaired, and was painlessly sudden. The pity of it was that he left a young wife and little daughter to mourn for a noble-minded man and unvarying friend.

Coming from a sporting family, CAPTAIN WALTER NELSON follows in the footsteps of his forbears, his earliest experiences being with the Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire. Gazetted to the 74th Highland Regiment in 1888, he went through the Tirah Campaign, and again saw active service in the Boer War with the 12th Mounted Infantry. Giving most of his attention to the Pytchley, at present, he has formerly had a varied experience with the leading Midland packs.

Capt. W.
Neilson.

Taking an interest in steeplechasing, Warfare II., which he hunted regularly with the Pytchley, won about a dozen races between the flags for him in England and Scotland, but, unfortunately, when running in the Scottish Grand National of 1900, broke his leg, and had to be destroyed. In India, Captain Neilson has done plenty of pig-sticking, and both there and on our side, notably at Catterick Bridge, has played polo assiduously. One of his favourite pastimes is golf.

He is a member of the Naval and Military and New Edinburgh Clubs, and resides at Murcote House, Long Buckby, Rugby.

Born in Lincolnshire in 1876, Mr. CHARLES CORNWALLIS ANDERSON PELHAM is the son of the late Mr. Evelyn Cornwallis Pelham. Educated at Uppingham, he subsequently studied the management of large estates and land agency in general on the property of his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch.

Mr. C. C. A.
Pelham.

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Pelham.

Beginning to hunt as a youngster with the Belvoir, he was blooded by Frank Gillard. Appointed Secretary to the Pytchley Hunt in 1898, he continued to hold that somewhat difficult and thankless position until 1903, in which year he was appointed land agent to the Trustees of the Cardigan estates. It was, of course, out of the question to carry on both positions, so he resigned the Hunt Secretaryship. No better evidence could be furnished of his personal popularity with members of the Hunt than the testimonial presented to him upon his resignation, which consisted of four handsome silver candlesticks and a substantial cheque. Mr. Pelham had been in office during four years of Mr. Wroughton's Mastership, and one season with Lord Annaly. He has hunted, and still hunts, with the Pytchley, Woodland Pytchley, and Mr. Fernie's, having been a well-known figure with these packs for many years.

He served as a lieutenant in the Leicestershire Yeomanry from 1896 to 1900. His residence is the Shire Lodge, Corby, Kettering.



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MR. C. C. A. PELHAM.

Mr. G.
Robinson.

MR. GILBERT ROBINSON, of Whitehall Court, London, and Hinwick Hall, Bedfordshire, is the son of the late Mr. Joseph Robinson, of Edenbridge, Kent. Born on November 15th, 1870, he was educated at Haileybury, and subsequently studied architecture for a considerable period. Hunting was, however, his first recreation, if not his first love, and in the pursuit of the noble science he has followed hounds in various parts of England. Among his favourite packs, the Pytchley, Surrey Staghounds, and West Kent Hounds take precedence.



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MR. G. ROBINSON'S HACKLESS.

Mrs. Robinson. Among the good show hunters he has owned from time to time, Red Lass, a three-year-old by Red Prince II., and Paleface, are more particularly deserving of mention; also Hackless, by Hackler, dam Verity, by Stylites, by Hermit, winner of Pembroke Cup, Dublin Show, 1907.

Catholic in his sporting tastes, Mr. Robinson takes a keen interest in shooting, racing, driving, and all sports and pastimes.

Mr. S.
Schilizzi.

It was not until comparatively late in life that Mr. STEPHEN SCHILIZZI began his hunting career for he was thirty-three years of age when, in 1905, he made the acquaintance for two seasons of the Bicester, Grafton, and Warwickshire Hounds. He married, in 1896, the second daughter (Julia) of Mr. Lucas Ralli, and took up his residence permanently at Guilsborough Court, near Northampton,



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MR. G. ROBINSON'S CARLOW.

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Mr. Alfred H. Parker.

in 1907, in order to devote all his time in the winter to one particular pack—the Pytchley. Mr. Schilizzi had formerly hunted from Edgecote, near Banbury. The son of Mr. John Schilizzi, he was born in London in 1872, and his education was derived, first at Harrow, and subsequently in Paris and Germany, after which he did the “grand tour.”

His town house is 15, Prince's Gate, S.W.

Mr. S.
Schilizzi.



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MR. S. SCHILIZZI.

Sixth son of the sixteenth (late) Earl of Derby and Lady Constance Villiers, eldest daughter of George, fourth Earl of Clarendon, CAPTAIN THE HON. GEORGE FREDERICK STANLEY was born on October 14th, 1872. Gazetted to the Royal Horse Artillery, he was appointed captain on April 19th, 1900. In 1901 he became adjutant of the H.A.C. During his career with the colours he saw active service in India and in the South African campaign, where he was actively engaged. When his military duties have permitted, he has seen much of the hunting field, taking every opportunity while in England to indulge in his favourite sport.

Captain the
Hon. G. F.
Stanley.

The Midlands have chiefly engrossed his attention, the Pytchley and Grafton being, perhaps, more often followed than other notable packs.

Among the useful hunters which have carried him, The General was second in the Regimental Point-to-Point Race, and occupied a similar position in the Regimental Heavy-Weight Steeplechase. Hawkseye ran third in the Regimental Steeplechase, but perhaps the favourite among many good animals was Dan Leno. This fine horse was not only with him in the South African War, but subsequently carried him with various important packs during five seasons after his return to England.

An all-round participator of sports and pastimes, he more particularly interests himself in shooting and polo. His residence is Sibbertoft Manor, Market Harborough.

MR. ALFRED HASSALL STRAKER might aptly be termed a citizen of the world of sport, as few men have travelled further in pursuit of it. A member of that well-known hunting family, he was born in October, 1860, and is the son of the late Mr. John Straker, J.P., D.L., of Stagshaw, Northumberland. Educated privately and at Uppingham, Mr. Straker went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he distinguished himself as a cross-country rider, winning many races at Cottenham. He was a keen hand at polo, playing in the University team against Oxford. Leaving the University, he made a big-game shooting and sporting tour, which extended over ten years, during which period he visited various parts of the Rockies, India, Somaliland, Assam, and Burmah. The assiduity with which he pursued game while quartered in different places is best testified to by the wonderful collection of trophies at his country seats.

Mr. A. H.
Straker.

Mr. Straker's earliest lessons in the hunting field were with the Tynedale, the present Master of that pack being Mr. John C. Straker, a brother of our subject, who has carried the horn for no less than twenty-six years. Since boyhood's day he has divided his leisure hours between many packs, notably the Duke of Beaufort's and "V.W.H." Then, making Rugby his headquarters, he put in some time with the Pytchley and the two Warwickshire packs, following this by a couple of seasons with the Quorn, Cottesmore, and Belvoir, making Melton his centre.

Taking up his residence at Market Harborough in 1898, he began to hunt regularly with the Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's, and after a few seasons purchased Springfield, a splendid hunting box at Great Bowden. Here he has resided during the hunting months ever since, continuing his allegiance to the two packs last mentioned.

Of the many splendid hunters owned by him, mention must be made of Whisper, Fescue, Red Earl (winners of many prizes in the show ring), Switcher and Rocklow, who each won several

Mr. A. H. Straker.

awards, including the first and champion at Dublin and Cardiff; that good hurdle-race horse, Stop, must not be omitted. At Ballyuoc, his estate in county Limerick, Ireland, he has two stallions and nine brood mares, but breeds bloodstock rather for pleasure than with any particular view to successes on the Turf.

Mention has already been made of the Master of the Tynedale. Another brother, Mr. Herbert Straker, is the Secretary of Lord Zetland's Hunt.

A keen deerstalker, he every year pays a visit to his Scotch seat, Cluanac, Ross-shire, in pursuit of the antlered monarch. He divides his time between his three seats in the three parts of the kingdom. His Club is Arthur's.

Mr. F. H. Thornton.

MR. FRANCIS HUGH THORNTON, J.P., son of the Rev. William Thornton, was born in London and educated at Harrow, and King's College, Cambridge. Mr. Thornton lived at Daventry for a number of years and has hunted most of his life with the Pytchley and Grafton. He has been three times Mayor of Daventry and is a Justice of the Peace for the county. At one time he practised at the Bar. Mr. Thornton now takes great interest in the breeding of shorthorns, of which he has a good pedigree herd. He belongs to the New University Club, and lives at Kingsthorpe Hall, Northampton.

Mr. T. W. Thornton.

A son of the Rev. William Thornton, of Kingsthorpe, Northamptonshire, MR. THOMAS WILLIAM THORNTON was born at Dodford in 1850, and educated at Harrow, and Trinity College, Cambridge. Mr. Thornton has hunted with the Pytchley and Grafton all his life. He married into a well-known sport-loving family when he espoused Evelyn, eldest daughter of the late Mr. E. C. Burton, of Daintry.



MISS VIOLET THORNTON.

MR. T. W. THORNTON.

MISS THORNTON.

Mr. Burton will be remembered as one of the promoters of the steeplechase revival in 1858, as an outcome of which sufficient funds were found for the first National Hunt Steeplechase. Mr. Burton rode Mr. "Cherry" Angell's horse Bridegroom to victory in the race in question, winning in a field of thirty-one by twenty lengths. In the following year he again rode Queensferry in Mr. Angell's colours, and won still more easily. Mr. Burton was a well-known rider over the Pytchley country, and Mrs. Thornton, her two daughters, and her son, Mr. T. A. Thornton, of the 7th Hussars, are followers of the pack.

Mr. Thornton's estates boast many good coverts, of which the celebrated Brock Hall is always a sure find. The estate has been in the possession of his family for over three centuries. He is a J.P. for Northamptonshire.

Captain A. H. Thurburn.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR HUGH THURBURN, of Cransley Hall, Kettering, is the son of Mr. Charles Thurburn, of Keith, N.B., and was born in Egypt in 1860. He was educated at Clifton College, Trinity College, Oxford, and Sandhurst, entering the last-named in 1883, and in the following year was gazetted to the Royal Scots Fusiliers, with which regiment he served in the second Burmese campaign. During vacations in his Varsity days he began to hunt with the West Meath Foxhounds from Knockdrin Castle, Mullingar. In England he had five years with the Blackmore Vale, after which he had seven years with the Heythrop and five with Lord Eglinton's. In 1900 he resigned his commission in the Fusiliers, and went to live at Hales Hall, Market Drayton, whilst there hunting with the North Staffordshire. He purchased the Cransley Estate in 1905, and has been residing there ever since that date. He is married to Minna, third daughter of the late Vice-Admiral Frederick Robinson, brother of the late Lord Rosmead. He is a member of the Naval and Military Club.

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Count Herman Wrangel

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MR. NEVILLE THURSBY, the son of the Rev. F. Thursby, was born at Abington in 1852, and educated at Marlborough. The name has for generations passed been known in hunting circles in the Pytchley country. His great-grandfather and grandfather, Mr. John Harvey Thursby, hunted their own packs of harriers, and our subject often followed them in the days of the latter. The descendants of these hounds are now hunted by Mr. H. Hawkins, of Everdon Hall, Daventry. Living all his life in Northamptonshire, Mr. Thursby has seen sport with Mr. W. Tailby's old pack. It is, however, with the Pytchley that he has principally passed his hunting days. His grandfather was a member of Lord Spencer's original Pytchley Club. Mr. Thursby has a son and a daughter, both of whom hunt with the Pytchley. One of his best hunters was The Warrior.

Mr. N.
Thursby.

The Chairman of the well-known firm of Twinings is MR. ARTHUR JAMES TWEED, of Brixworth, Northamptonshire, who now hunts regularly with the Pytchley, as does his daughter, Miss R. Tweed. Prior to his advent to Northamptonshire, Mr. Tweed had seen a lot of hunting in East Anglia. He is a son of the late Rev. W. H. Tweed, of Ross, Herefordshire, and was born there in 1860. Shrewsbury College and a sojourn in Germany gave him his education, and it was with the Ross Harriers and the adjoining packs of foxhounds that, at the age of eight, Mr. Tweed was "entered" to hunting. Little Waltham, Essex, was his residence for some years before he came to live in the Pytchley country, and several point-to-point races fell to his lot while joining issue with the many good hunts in the Eastern Counties. His first win was a steeplechase at Hereford, and in 1895, on Garry Owen, he captured the Essex Union Point-to-Point, and repeated this performance on two other occasions with Dorestone and The Doctor, also the Essex Point-to-Point on Woodside. Peggy II., a mare still hunted by Mr. Tweed, has won for him nine steeplechases out of ten for which she has run. Mr. Tweed has shown his horses with some success throughout the country. He is a member of the Badminton.

Mr. A. J.
Tweed.

MR. GEORGE FREDERICK UNDERWOOD, of The Grove, West Haddon, Northamptonshire, is the youngest son of the late Mr. William Underwood, of Watford. Born in 1871, he started to ride at the age of eight, and three years later was blooded by old Will Goodall, on an occasion when the Pytchley found at Winwick Warren, and going *riâ* Buckby Folly killed near Mr. Charles Percival's house. In 1892 he took the White House, West Haddon, and started farming and horse-breeding. He resumed his acquaintance with the Pytchley, and undertook to look after the Winwick Warren cover. In 1899 the then Master, Mr. William Wroughton, Messrs. John Cooper, Owen Wallis, the Hon. E. A. Fitzroy, and Mr. Underwood instituted the Pytchley Hunt Hedgecutters' Competition, an event which has become one of the greatest successes of the Midlands. In 1903, Mr. Underwood went to reside at Clonsilla, county Dublin, to deal in hunters with Captain Steeds, from there he hunted with the Meath, Kildare, and Ward Union Staghounds. He returned to England in 1907.

Mr. G. F.
Underwood

Two of the best of his many good horses were Pharaoh, by Don John, and Pennington, by Sweetheart. The latter ran second in the Ladies' Plate, Rugby Hunt Steeplechase 1901, and won, by fifteen lengths, the Farmers' Point-to-Point of four miles in the Pytchley Hunt Races 1903, owner up. This horse was bought from Sir James Pender, Baronet. Golden Days, another of his notable hunters, won for him in 1901 the Farmers' Plate in the Grafton Hunt Races, owner up. Mr. Underwood is a member of the Northamptonshire Agricultural Society.



MR. G. F. UNDERWOOD.

COUNT HERMAN WRANGEL, the Swedish Minister to the Court of St. James's, has, since his residence in this country, become an ardent follower of the chase, the Countess Wrangel his wife, being as great a lover of the sport as he is himself. According to the custom of his country, the Count learnt to ride at a very early age, and soon became a proficient horseman. He has had experience of sport in many countries, and when he came to England took a hunting box at Market Harborough, from whence the Countess and himself have been able to follow the Pytchley,

Count H.
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Mr. Fernie's, and neighbouring packs. Their first introduction to hounds in this country was with Lord Bathurst's "V.W.H." pack; they have also hunted with the Atherstone. The Countess, who is of French descent, is a splendid horse-woman. She has followed the chase in many countries, but more particularly in France. Count Wrangel is a member of many clubs, among them being the Bachelors', the Athenæum, the Travellers', the Ranelagh, and St. James's. His town residence is 73, Portland Place, W.

Messrs.
J. W.
Webb,
H.
Haddon,
and
F. S.
von
Stade.



MESSRS. J. W. WEBB AND F. S. VON STADE.

Myopia, though each had had experience with various other packs in the United States. Mr. Webb and Mr. von Stade were born in 1884, Mr. Haddon in 1885; they all came from New York. Fond of sport generally, they also play polo a little. It was on leaving college last year that they took the opportunity of gaining experience of hunting in England.

Mr. A. L.
Wheeler.

A bird of passage in a sense, Mr. ALFRED LLEWELYN WHEELER, although retaining his house in Bury Street, St. James's, and welcomed in many hunting fields during the winter months, spends most of the summer in America. The son of Mr. Henry James William Wheeler, he was born on July 28th, 1849, educated at Harrow, and subsequently joined the 9th Lancers in 1868. He commenced hunting the same year, initial experiences being with the regimental pack. Since that time his operations have covered a wide field, in a manner of speaking, and an enumeration of the packs followed would be to make a list of the principal ones in England and Ireland.

In 1870 Mr. Wheeler turned his attention more particularly to the counties of Northampton and Warwick, the Pytchley, Atherstone, Warwickshire, and North Warwickshire being special favourites, and he makes Rugby his headquarters. A lover of sport in general, after hunting, fishing claims his sultrages. He is a member of the Army and Navy, Naval and Military, and Cavalry Clubs.



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MR. A. L. WHEELER.

Mr. R.
Williams.

MR. ROMER WILLIAMS, J.P., D.L., only son of the late Mr. Charles Reynolds Williams, of Domelycllyn, Merionethshire, was born in 1850. Educated at Rugby under Dr. Temple, he was known there as one of the sport lovers. Early experiences in the hunting field were with the Vine. Then followed Mr. Garth's, and he went on to the Essex and Puckeridge. The Bicester followed, and the Pytchley and Grafton soon after. His home is at the family seat in Merionethshire, of which county he was High Sheriff for the year 1902, but as there are no foxhounds in this county, he takes his hunting in the Midlands, Newnham Hall, near Daventry, being his home for this purpose. This place is well within reach of the



The Fearless Whang.

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Mr. W. D. W. Wroblewski.
on "The Rocks."

Pytchley, Grafton, and Bicester packs. Apart from the fact that he has owned horses on the flat and between flags, details of which would be beyond the province of this work, Mr. Romer Williams is a well-known judge of horseflesh, and officiates at all the big horse shows, judging hunters, hacks, and harness horses; but we would, for choice, take him into the show ring where hunters are concerned. He made his bow to the public at Islington in 1880, since which year he has been "requisitioned" (to use an Americanism) at every big show at home and on the Continent. The New York authorities, when on the initial year of their great horse show, requested Mr. Romer Williams to judge certain classes there, but unfortunately, though he much desired to act, engagements for a like purpose in England and Ireland prevented him. If we mention the fact that Mr. Romer Williams is a member of the Hackney Horse Society, was formerly on its Council, is one of the Ruling Council of the Royal Veterinary College, and is President of the Hunters Improvement Society, it says something as to his capabilities for acting as a judge of horseflesh.

Mr. R.
Williams.



MR. ROMER WILLIAMS.

Mr. Romer Williams' only son was Master of the Eton Beagles for two years—an example of sport being hereditary.

The Wratislaws are descended from one of the most ancient noble families in Austria. The founder of the house of Prince Krok was ruler of the Slavonians, and his daughter, Libussa, founded the city of Prague. From that royal lady the family had an unbroken line in tail male until 1310, after which, Elizabeth, an only surviving daughter, marrying John, Count of Luxemburg, the throne passed to him. He was killed at the Battle of Crecy, in 1316. Marc, Count Wratislaw, an elder branch of the family, was born in 1735. He came to England in 1770, and settled at Rugby, marrying three years later. His son, William Ferdinand, Count Wratislaw, became a naturalized Englishman.

Mr. W.
E. W.
Wratislaw.

MR. WENZEL ERNEST WRATISLAW is the third son of Mr. Theodore Marc Wratislaw, by his marriage with Sarah Townsend, of Clifton Manor, near Rugby. Born in Rugby, in 1878, he was educated at Rugby School. Early introduced to the saddle, he first rode to hounds when Mr. Lord Phillips was Master of the North Warwickshire. Mr. Ashton, who succeeded that gentleman, gave him warm encouragement. Upon occasion, when following the last-named bearer of the horn, the late Captain David Beatty, observing the extremely juvenile rider, asked him, with well affected surprise, how he came there? "On my horse!" was the epigrammatic reply, which so pleased the Captain, that he obtained the mask for the future "Nimrod," and he was "blooded" forthwith.

Since that day, the subject of our notes has had a widely diversified experience, both in this country and Ireland. With his full complement of falls (and who that rides straight has them not?), he has fortunately escaped broken bones. Once, when taking a jump near Kilworth, his horse, swerving, shot him some ten or twelve yards, but he escaped with only a bad shaking.

As recently as February 5th, 1908, with the Pytchley, he gave proof of his straight riding, being the only one of the field to follow Freeman (the huntsman) and C. Morris (the first whip) over a very formidable bullfinch. He was presented with the brush in recognition of the event.

Riding considerably over 15 stone, he has owned some fine weight-carriers, a favourite being The Reeks. An eight-year-old, he is a rare-coloured horse—a chestnut flea-bitten grey. Induced some time ago to part with him to The MacGillicuddy, that gentleman named him after his estate at Killarney. The Reeks exhibiting great jumping powers, The MacGillicuddy entered him for the Grand National of 1907, and Mr. Wratislaw bought him back to carry his colours. Unfortunately, the horse, during his preparation, drove a splinter into his foot, and had to be scratched. The misfortune occurred just previous to the decision of the great race, in which his owner had every confidence that The Reeks would give a great account of himself, as he is not only a grand fencer,

Mr. W. but could stay all the way. He is by Red Kangaroo, great-grand-dam by Gunboat, and from
E. W. one of a string of seven well proven weight-carriers in Mr. Wratislaw's stables. Another notability
Wratislaw. which must not be passed over, by the way, is Seccotine, a bay horse by Succoth, dam by Ascetic, a pedigree good enough for anything. From the back of this hunter, who is particularly good both at timber and water, his owner has never had a fall.

Mr. Wratislaw was married, in 1900, to Francis, only daughter of Mr. John Lancaster, of Dunelmure Lodge, near Rugby, and formerly of Bilton Grange, Warwickshire.

Although a follower of most of the neighbouring packs, Mr. Wratislaw turns his attention chiefly to the Pytchley. A much travelled man, more especially in India and America, he has, whenever feasible, enjoyed sport with big game, being a fine shot, both with rifle and smoothbore.

THE OAKLEY.

THE Oakley is a flat country, with fifty per cent. plough, forty per cent. grass, and the rest “well-riden” woodlands. The only hills are in the Woburn district, where the soil is sandy. In the neighbourhood of Newport Pagnell there is some good grass.

On Tuesdays and Saturdays they are in the woodlands – Easton Wood, Yardley Chase, Horton Wood, Odell Wood, and Kimbolton Woods. Dungee Corner, Odell, Easton Wood, Risley Toll Bar, Kimbolton, and Swineshead are the chief meets. On Mondays and Tuesdays they are south and south-west of Bedford, meeting on Mondays at Burnham, Wootten, Moulsoe, Chinley, and Turvey. On Thursdays they hunt the Thurleigh side, and the last meets are at Ravensden, Renhold, Roxton, and Bushmead. The Oakley country extends into four counties – Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Huntingdonshire, and Northamptonshire. It is bounded by the Whaddon Chase and Grafton on the west, the Pytchley, Woodland Pytchley, and Fitzwilliam on the north, the Cambridgeshire on the east, and the Hertfordshire on the south. This is a country of rather stiff fences, big woodlands, and a good deal of plough, that does not carry much scent, though it is better in the woodlands. Round Thurleigh there are some big doubles, but generally there is little water to jump.

The first Master was Mr. Lee Anthony, of Colworth, 1800–09, who was followed by the Marquess of Tavistock, eldest son of the Duke of Bedford, the great landowner of the Oakley country, whose park at Woburn is nine miles in circumference. He was Master three times, in all twenty years – 1809–16, 1822–29, and 1836–41. His heart was in the Oakley country, in his beloved Bedfordshire. He loved his hounds and hunters better than any racehorses. Pearce painted a picture of a meet of the Oakley with the Duke on his white hunter, Shamrock, Colonel Higgins, Major McGinnis, Mr. Magniac, Captain Newland, and G. Beer, the huntsman, on Cognac. In “Nimrod’s” time, Captain Pell, R.N., with only one leg and a disabled shoulder, had to let go his bridle and hold on to the saddle when he jumped, and yet, in spite of this, went well with the Oakley. Lord Ludlow (1816–22) came between the Duke’s two periods of Mastership, and from 1829 to 1834, Grantley Berkeley was Master. Under him they had a great run from Odell Wood to Braybrooke, in the Market Harborough country. He had kept a pack of staghounds at Crauford, Middlesex, before he came to Bedfordshire, and once ran a deer from Mr. Elmore’s farm, Uxendon, and took it in Montague Street, Russell Square. He followed the chief landowner in the county, and had to form a pack of foxhounds out of new and unpromising materials, so that his task was a difficult one. There were also secret influences working against him among some of the county families, which made his work harder. Mr. Berkeley brought seventeen couples of his staghounds, which were not foxhounds by training, though well bred by his brother at Berkeley. He also had thirty couples of unentered hounds, and a few old ones given him by friends, and not worth much. To hunt the Oakley woodlands with such a scratch pack was hard enough, though he had the help of his brother, Moreton Berkeley, one of the best sportsmen that ever lived, and Tom Skinner, his whip. At the end of his first season he had not killed many foxes, but in the second he did far better, after engaging G. Carter as huntsman, and by February 11th, 1831, they had shown more sport than had ever been known in Bedfordshire, having killed thirty-one and a-half brace. Their third season (1831–32) was better still; they had a famous run, ending in a kill in the middle of Salcey Forest. This was a seventeen-mile point, and probably twenty-two as hounds ran. There is no doubt, Carter was almost perfect as a huntsman. In his last season Mr. Berkeley killed thirty-seven and a-half brace, though foxes were scarce, and they lost nine through having to stop from darkness, as they had found late in the day. Mr. Delmé Radcliffe, a great sportsman and authority on the subject, as his *Noble Science* shows, speaks of the Oakley hounds at this time as “a lot of hounds approaching, in my humble opinion, as near to perfection in all requisites and capabilities for showing sport in

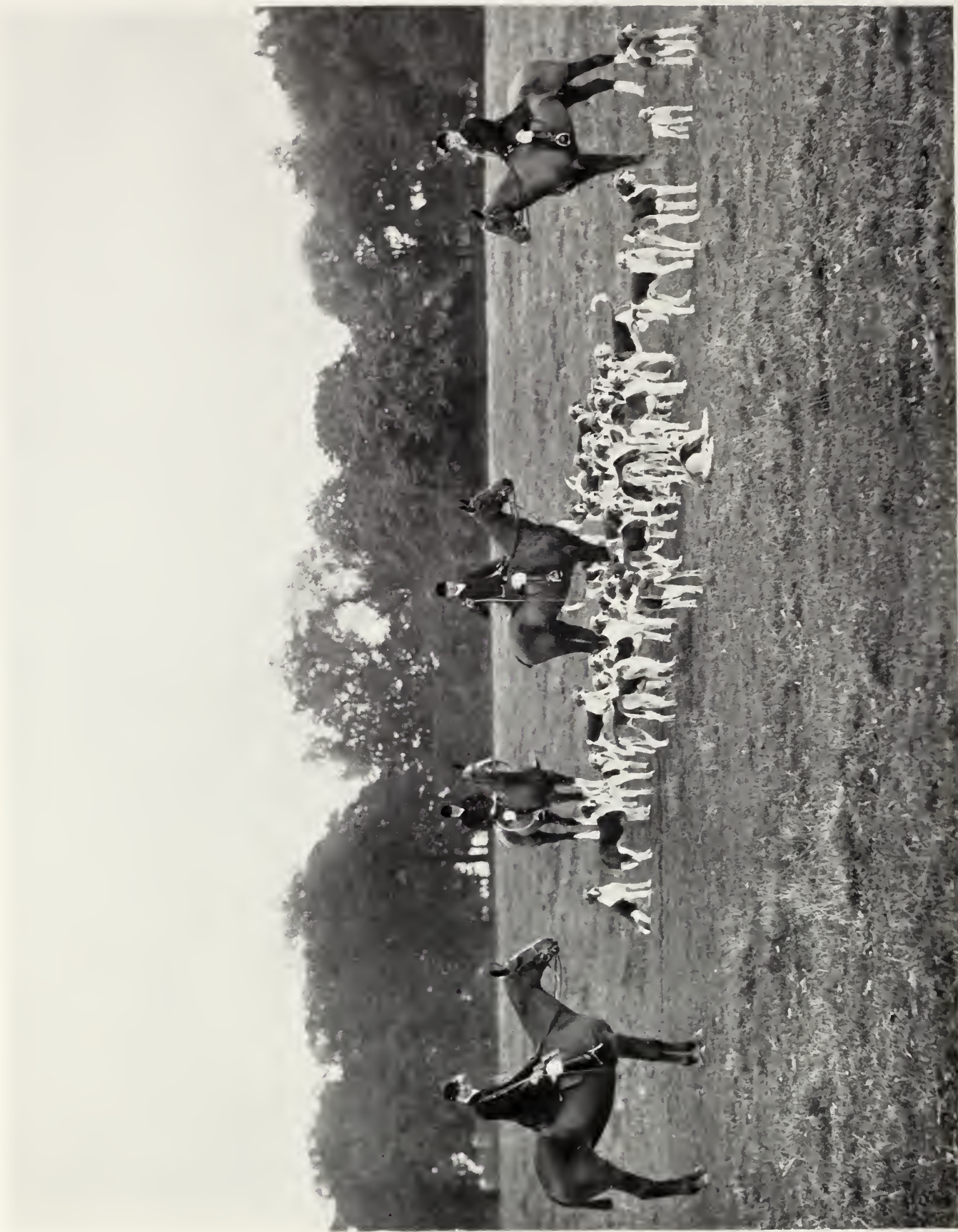


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THE OAKLEY (1908).

any country as it is possible to arrive at." Mr. Berkeley was also a great angler and shot, and good at breaking-in sporting dogs by gentle means.

After his resignation came Mr. Dansey (1831-36), the Duke of Bedford again (1836-41), Mr. H. Magniac (1841-47), and Major Hogg (1847-50). "Gelert," in his *Guide of the Hounds of England*, 1849, says of the last-named that he had rattled the jackals with a pack of English foxhounds through the wilds of Kaffirland. Mr. Arkwright acted as first whip, and the favourite fixtures then were Cranfield, Oakley, Wavendon, Chichester, Moulsoe Wood, Sherrington Toll Bar, Clifton Spinnies, Bromham, and Kempston Wood; the Master carried the horn. Mr. R. Arkwright passed from being amateur whip to Master (1850-76), and his best hounds were Oxford Driver, Druid, Dashwood, and Sportive; Tom Whitemore was his great huntsman. In 1876, Mr. Macan joined Mr. Arkwright, and they were Joint-Masters to 1885. Mr. Macan took the Mastership of the dog pack two days a week, when they were in the south and west of their country, while Mr. Arkwright took the bitch pack in the woodlands in the north. Mr. Arkwright also superintended the kennels, while Mr. Macan looked after the stable and stud. Mr. Butt Miller came next (1885-88), as stated in the notes under the Cricklade Division of the "V.W.H." He hunted the hounds himself for two seasons. In his time the "Father of the Hunt," and, indeed, the Grand Old Man of Bedfordshire, was Lord Charles Russell, born in 1805, who had not lost his nerve, and went well at eighty-one! Mr. Arkwright originally bought the hounds, and the present Duke of Bedford's father re-purchased them from him, and gave them to the country. His ancestor, the M.F.H., had been the owner of the pack. They are kennelled at Milton Ernest, near Oakley station, six miles from Bedford. In 1882, the leading supporters were the Dukes of Bedford and Manchester, Lord Cowper, Mr. Whitbread, Mr. Magniac, Mr. H. Thornton, and Lord Charles Russell.

Captain Browning (1888-97) followed Mr. Miller, and then Mr. Whitaker (1897-1901), who retired in favour of Mr. Arkwright's grandson, Mr. Esmé Arkwright, the present Master.

Landowners in Dorsetshire at the beginning of the thirteenth century, the Russells had been known in the county from such time as the "memory of man testifieth not to the contrary." In the year 1202, John Russell, who held the Manor of Kingston Russell, paid 50 marks to the Crown, on his marriage with Robesia Bardulf, widow of Henry de la Pomerai. He was afterwards, in 1220, Governor of Corfe Castle. From him has descended a family which has for centuries taken a leading part in the political and social history of its day. One, moreover, which has been noted for boldness in war, patriotism, and wisdom in statesmanship.

Our notes refer to FRANCIS, MARQUESS OF TAVISTOCK, afterwards SEVENTH DUKE OF BEDFORD. Born on May 13th, 1788, he was primarily educated at Westminster School, and subsequently went to Cambridge University, eventually, as was the custom in his day, making the grand tour of the various European capitals, with a view to cultivating a taste for the fine arts and *belles lettres*. Of these he has left many fine examples at the leading family seat, Woburn Abbey. Espousing, in 1808, a daughter of the then Earl of Harrington, he chose a political career, in which his accomplished wife was well calculated to assist him. Initially attached to the Embassy at Lisbon, where his uncle, Lord George William Russell, was Ambassador, he, on retiring from the *Corps Diplomatique*, entered the House of Commons, where he proved a most valuable addition to the Whig party, to which the family is hereditarily attached.

On succeeding to the title, as seventh Duke of Bedford, he still proved so useful to his friends as to be designated as a Minister without a portfolio. He was, however, more than a landowner and statesman—he was a sportsman, in the best sense of the word; for, while as an agriculturist he ranked second to none, we have more especially to regard him in connection with his love for the chase. As was general in his day, the Marquess of Tavistock began hunting with a pack of harriers. This was very early in life, but upon the Oakley becoming vacant, in 1809, he gave up the harriers, and accepted the Mastership of the Foxhounds. Taking up his residence at Oakley House, where his consort, the Marchioness, instituted reunions of the wit, talent, and beauty of the day, he hunted the country regularly, sparing no effort or expense to get together a splendid pack. So successful was he in this, that when, at the end of the season 1828-29, he

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decided to give up his country to the Hon. George Charles Grantley Berkeley, he sold his hounds to Lord Southampton, who had accepted the Mastership of the Quorn. It is said that, upon their arrival in Leicestershire, they were pronounced to be the best pack seen since the days of Mr. Meynell.

In 1836, after an interregnum of eight years, during which the Marquess had succeeded to the Dukedom of Bedford, he, to the great satisfaction of the country, again took the reins of office, and established a pack in a few years which rivalled their predecessors.

Compared to Mr. Meynell, as a judge of all matters relating to foxhunting, he is said to have known the *Kennel Book* by heart, and to have had no superior as a judge of a foxhound. After his succession, he remained at the head of affairs for a short period only, the care of the improvement in his vast estates demanding too much of his attention.

As a patron of the Turf, he was well known in his day, but reference to that side of his sport-loving character must of necessity be brief in these pages. A strenuous objector to betting, he dearly loved a good horse. Oakley was his favourite, and of his achievements, his many matches with Celia at Newmarket are writ large in Turf history.

He left the sole management of his stud in the hands of Admiral Rous.

The Hon.
G. C. G. F.
Berkeley
—Master,
1829-34.

THE HON. GEORGE CHARLES GRANTLEY FITZHARDINGE BERKELEY was the sixth son of the fifth Earl of Berkeley by his wife, Mary Coles. That nobleman had failed to establish before the House of Lords his marriage to the lady in question in 1785, so that of the six, only two born after the formal ceremony had been gone through in 1796 could claim legitimacy.

The Hon. G. C. Grantley Berkeley was born on February 10th, 1800, and educated privately. After being presented by his godfather, the Prince Regent, with a commission in the Coldstream Guards when but sixteen years of age, he kept a few terms at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and then studied at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He served but a very short time in the Army, retiring on half-pay when he married, in 1824, Caroline Martha, the daughter of Mr. Paul Benfield, that wealthy East Indian merchant who had his name handed down to posterity by Burke.

A *littérateur* of an eccentric order, he not only contributed largely to many periodicals on sport and natural history, but wrote some score of books and pamphlets of romances and reminiscent topics. Of these, *Reminiscences of a Huntsman* is best known. His maiden effort, a romance, *Berkeley Castle*, was published in 1836.

Although said to have been an ungraceful rider, there can be no question as to his knowledge of the noble science. Having settled down at Harrold Hall, Buckinghamshire, Berkeley turned his attention to field sports. His experiences with staghounds in the Harrow country have been referred to elsewhere, and cannot be dealt with here. Suffice it to remark that he always tried to make the chase of the deer as nearly like that of the fox as possible. His father had hunted a tract of country for fox which extended from Kensington Gardens on the east to the town of Bristol on the west, and when he became convinced that staghunting in the Harrow Vale was no longer possible, he looked out for a vacancy with a fox pack.

A difference having arisen between Lord Tavistock and the Oakley Club, the noble Master refused to hunt the country any longer, and stated he would sell the pack, which, the Club's objections notwithstanding, he did. Upon applying to Lord Tavistock in the spring of 1839, Berkeley received full permission to hunt the Duke of Bedford's woods; Lord Ludlow, the Duke of Manchester, and other landed proprietors followed suit. In conjunction with Colonel Berkeley and the Club, our subject arranged for an annual subscription of 1,000 guineas, earth-stopping, and keepers' fees. He was scarcely thirty when he took over the Mastership.

At Harrold Hall, agreeably situated on the Ouse, in the midst of a cub-hunting woodland, he built kennels. His first whipper-in, Tom Skinner, was, he says, "A first-rate horseman, rider, and



THE HON. G. C. G. F. BERKELEY.

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*Mr. Esme F. W. Arkwright.
Master of the Oakley Foxhounds.*

whipper-in; I never saw a better or a better-tempered man, but he had drunk hard." He, in consequence, had to go.

Mr. Berkeley showed good sport for five seasons, when differences with the Club led to his resignation. He died on February 23rd, 1881.

The Hon.
G. C. G. F.
Berkeley.

"Like father, like son"—the proverb found a new verification in the person of the subject of this memoir, as the Rev. Joseph Arkwright, of Marks Hall, Essex, was an extraordinary all-round sportsman to whom nought came amiss. To his children he transmitted this catholic taste. Mr. ROBERT WIGRAM ARKWRIGHT, his eldest son, was born on April 5th, 1822, and educated at Eton, where he was a contemporary with Mr. Anstruther Thomson and Mr. T. C. Garth. Gazetted to the 7th Dragoon Guards, he began his hunting career many years previously, as in 1831, when only twelve, it is related of him that he alone finished with Mr. Conyer's pack on the Roothings, taking the fox from the hounds with the assistance of a labourer, the Hunt servants being beaten out of sight. After such a grand beginning, almost needless to say, his love of the sport received greater impetus. Ordered to the Cape with his regiment in 1843, he, in conjunction with Major Hogg,

Mr. R. W.
Arkwright
Master,
1850-85.



From a picture in the possession of Mr. Julius Arkwright.

MR. R. W. ARKWRIGHT.

started a pack of foxhounds to hunt jackal, the Major acting as Master and Mr. Arkwright as whip. The pack had grand sport. Then followed an expedition to the interior for big game, chiefly elephant, lion, and antelope. Among other good friends he met during his travels was Dr. Livingstone, who set his collar-bone for him, which had been fractured by a fall while riding down a wounded antelope. Upon returning to England, Mr. Arkwright followed the Athirstone four seasons, his old schoolfellow, Anstruther Thomson, then carrying the horn. In 1851, his fellow officer, Major Hogg aforesaid, having relinquished the Oakley, Mr. Arkwright bought the pack. He made old George Beers his huntsman, and his two sons whips (the trio were known respectively as "Old Beer," "Strong Beer," and "Small Beer"). The Oakley bitches were renowned at the time, and he added much to the quality of the pack by drafts from the Belvoir and Brocklesby. In the fourth season, "Old Beer" having retired, Mr. Arkwright himself took the horn, and daily added to his reputation throughout the succeeding seasons. Said an able critic in the Hunt, "It requires a very good

man to follow our Master in a fast forty minutes; he is lucky, indeed, if he escapes a fall." An exceptional judge in stable and kennel alike, he had an eye for good hunt servants, and after the retirement of the capable George Beers employed George Beers, junr., Jack Hickman, and later, Frank Goodall, who subsequently went to Mr. Tailby, and afterwards became huntsman to the Queen's Buckhounds. George Day and Tom Whitmore were also in his service. Although the country had changed since the time when the Marquess of Tavistock said that "One could go for thirty miles without being off grass," Mr. Arkwright for thirty-four seasons gave a great tale of foxes. He died on December 1st, 1888.

MR. ESMÉ FRANCIS WIGSELL ARKWRIGHT, M.F.H., was born on May 7th, 1882, and is the son of the late Captain Frank Arkwright (Coldstream Guards), whose father, the late Mr. Robert Arkwright, was Master of the Hounds for over thirty-four years.

Mr. Esmé Arkwright was educated at Eton, and subsequently entered the Army, joining the

Mr.
E. F. W.
Arkwright
—present
Master.

Mr. E. F. W. Arkwright. Queen's 5th Lancers: he served through the Boer War, possesses the Queen's medal with three clasps, and retired in 1902.

His first experience in the hunting field was as a lad of six years of age with the Oakley Hounds, then under the Mastership of Mr. Butt Miller. He was blooded by Tom Whitemore, and has since regularly followed the pack, accepting the Mastership in 1904.

He is a member of White's and Arthur's Clubs, he lives at Sharnbrook House, Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire, and is the owner of Sanderstead Court, Surrey.

Mr. T. H. Barnard
—Hon. Sec.

MR. THOMAS HENRY BARNARD, who is a son of Mr. Thomas Barnard, proprietor of the well-known Barnard's Bank, Bedford, was born at Cople House, Bedford, in 1866, and educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge, afterwards entering his father's business. When at Eton he was Master of the Beagles, and whipped in to the Trinity Beagles at Cambridge. All his life he has hunted with the Oakley, and since 1898 has been the Secretary to the Hunt.

Mrs. Barnard, who is one of the keenest followers of the Oakley, is a daughter of that well-known sportsman, Mr. Henry Lambton, of Winslow, Buckinghamshire. Mr. Barnard has owned many excellent hunters, and won points-to-points. He is a keen polo player, and an active supporter of the Bedford Polo Club, a member of Brooks's and the Travellers' Clubs, and lives at Kempston Hoo, Bedford.



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MR. W. L. ADDINGTON.

Mr. W. L. Addington.

MR. WILLIAM LUKE ADDINGTON is the son of Mr. William Addington, of Wyboston, St. Neots. He was born on November 24th, 1861, educated privately, and then took up farming. In 1887 he married Ellen Katherine Anne, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Wilkinson, of Chawston Manor, St. Neots.

Mr. Addington is well known as a breeder of hunters and shires, with which he has been most successful. He is also the possessor of an excellent pack of beagles, which he kennels at his own place, and has, since 1898, carried off many cups and prizes for beagles of his own breeding.

As a small boy Mr. Addington began his hunting with the Bedford Harriers, and afterwards became, in 1874, and has since remained, a regular follower of the Oakley, hunting occasionally with the Fitzwilliam and the Cambridgeshire. Altogether he generally manages to be out five days a week during the season. Some of the best of his many good horses were Mustard and Bob, whom he still owns. Since 1899, Mr. Addington has played polo regularly—five years with the St. Neots, and since with the Bedford Polo Club, playing as a rule two days a week. He is fond of shooting, fishing, and cricket, and lives at Colesden Grange, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire.

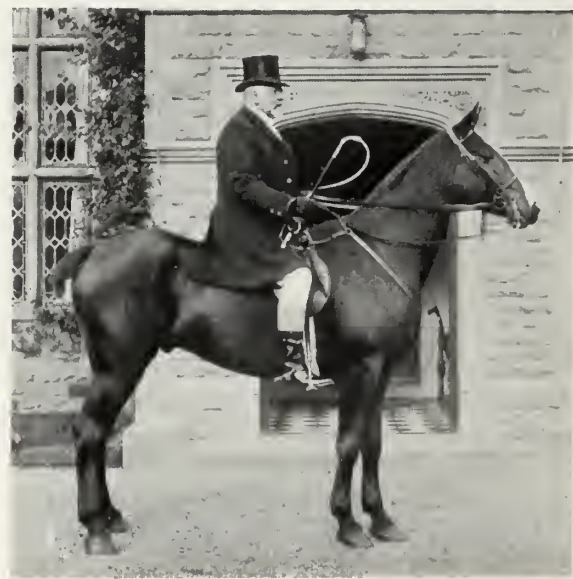


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MR. W. H. ALLEN.

Mr. W. H. Allen.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY ALLEN, J.P., was born in Glamorganshire in August, 1844. His first lessons in hunting were when he followed harriers as a child of six. After further experience, chiefly with the Crawley and Horsham, and Surrey Staghounds, he became a follower of the Oakley in 1894. Essentially a man of affairs, and one of the largest employers of labour in this country, Mr. W. H. Allen, as head of a very extensive industry whose factories are at Bedford, does not find time for so much sport as

he would desire. He, however, takes all he can get, and in the pursuit of it has rendered himself highly popular. Mr. W. H. Allen.

Bromham House on his estate in Bedfordshire is most perfectly equipped. He built the house himself, and laid out the estate. A keen shot, he has several fox coverts on his property, and almost needless to say the fox is rigorously preserved. He is also fond of fishing. His town house is 1, Dean's Yard, Westminster.

MR. JULIUS ARKWRIGHT, a younger son of the late Mr. Robert Arkwright, of Knuston Hall, Wellingborough, late M.F.H. the Oakley for thirty-four years, was born on January 9th, 1865, and educated at Radley, and Jesus College, Cambridge. He married Lillian, eldest daughter of the late Captain Browning, J.P., of Clapham Park, Bedford, also an ex-Master of the Oakley. Mr. J. Arkwright.

Mr. Arkwright has followed the Oakley since boyhood, and is also an old member of the Cambridgeshire and the Fitzwilliam.

Three of the best of his many good horses were Nameless, an Irish horse, winner of the Oakley Hunt Cup in April, 1899, and the Oakley Point-to-Point in 1897; his celebrated Roan Horse, a most extraordinary jumper; and a horse purchased in Ireland, which he hunted with the Oakley.

He is a very keen preserver of foxes, and has a splendid sand earth adjoining his house. He is a member of White's Club, and lives at Stonely Grange, Huntingdonshire.

MR. BAKER, who has the responsibility of looking after the wire in his district, is a cousin of Mr. Baker White, late M.F.H. of both the East and the West Kent. His father was the late Rev. Mr. W. Baker.



MR. W. BAKER.

William Baker, of Chartham, Kent. Mr. William Baker was born on April 7th, 1877, educated privately, and in 1897 married Mabel, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Samuel Crawley, M.A., of Oddington, Oxfordshire. When ten years old Mr. Baker followed Mr. Carpenter's Harriers on his pony, and has continued to hunt with them to the present time. In 1893 he became a regular follower of the Oakley, and has also hunted with the Bicester, the Newmarket and Thurlow, the Cambridgeshire, and many other packs. He is a thoroughly sound judge of a horse, and has bought and sold many more animals than the average hunting man; among the best he has had through his hands are Paddy, Tipperary, The Girl, and Light of Other Days. He is fond both of fishing and shooting, and is one of the original members of the Bedfordshire Polo Club, and for many seasons played with the old St. Neots Club. As an exhibitor and breeder of West Highland white terriers he has met with great success, and

among many prizes took first and reserve championship at the Ladies' Kennel Association Show in 1905. He is a member of the Bedfordshire County Club, and lives at Chawston House, St. Neots.

His little daughter Enid, who was born in 1898, is a regular follower of Mr. Addington's Beagles, and occasionally hunts with Mr. Carpenter's Harriers on her favourite Shetland, Topsy.

MR. R. J. CHIPPINDALL continues to follow the Oakley, notwithstanding his having been born in 1832. He is probably the senior of the Hunt.

His brother, General Chippindall, who died about five years ago, was a fine old sportsman, and rode well with the Quorn for twenty-five years.



MR. R. J. CHIPPINDALL.

Mr. R. J. Chippindall.

**Mr. J. G.
Eads.**

No one will fail to acknowledge the debt of gratitude which is due to the old time sporting farmer, who, though not always able to follow hounds himself, does all in his power to encourage the sport he loves so well. Such a one is Mr. JOHN GEORGE EADS, the third generation of his family, who have lived at the Manor Farm, Yelden, Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire. His farm, which is about 800 acres, contains two excellent coverts, and it is a point of honour with him that they shall never be drawn in vain. To this end he is a most conscientious preserver of foxes, as was his father, Mr. Thomas Eads before him. Mr. J. G. Eads was born in 1861, and all his life has spared neither time nor trouble in furthering the interests of the sport he admires so keenly.

**Mr. W. L.
Fitzpatrick.**

MR. WILLIAM LONG FITZPATRICK, J.P., D.L., the Honorary Secretary of the Oakley Hunt Club, has hunted with these hounds since boyhood, and has for some years past been one of their principal supporters. He is the son of the late Rev. W. Fitzpatrick and was born in 1858. He has, at various times, followed many packs, including the Fitzwilliam and the Southdown. Mr. Fitzpatrick has had several useful hunters and 'chasers; he is a keen shot and fond of fishing, and lives at Woodlands, Bedford.

**Mr. J. F.
Hatfield-
Harter.**

MR. JAMES FRASER HATFIELD-HARTER was born in March, 1854, at Cranfield Court, Bedfordshire, and is the son of the late Rev. G. G. Harter, who was rector of the parish of Cranfield. He was educated at Eton, Malvern, and Cambridge, and commenced hunting as a youngster with the Oakley. He has visited numerous other packs, amongst which are the Quorn and the Bicester. It is, however, with the Oakley that he has been, and is still, so closely associated. He is on the Hunt Committee, and is one of their chief supporters. His daughter and Mrs. Harter are keen followers of the hounds. Mr. Harter is a member of the Carlton and the Turf Clubs, and lives at Cranfield Court, Bedfordshire.



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MR. M. W. LAMB.

**Mr.
M. W.
Lamb.**

Though now living in Bedford, MR. MONTAGU WILLIAM LAMB is of Ryton, county Durham. Born in July, 1861, he is the youngest son of the late Mr. Charles J. Lamb. He was educated privately, and began hunting on leaving school, when eighteen years old, with the Bramham Moor. Later on he had five years with Lord Willoughby's pack in Warwickshire. He came to live in Bedford in 1881, and has since

that year hunted regularly with the Oakley.

Among many good horses which he has owned at various times, perhaps Sportsman and Schoolgirl are the two best. He is keen on most sports, and at one time played a good deal of polo. He has seen a lot of big-game shooting in the Rockies of Canada and the United States, and is also very fond of yachting. He is a member of the Town and County Club, and lives at Rothsay Gardens, Bedford.



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MR. L. O. MICKLEM.

**Mr. L. O.
Micklem.**

MR. LIONEL OFFLEY MICKLEM was born in 1873, and is the eldest son of Mr. Leonard Micklem, of Norrisbury, New Barnet. He was educated at Winchester, and was in the School Eleven in 1890, 1891, and 1892. On leaving school he went out to Australia, where he took up cattle-ranching, and he still owns property in that country, which he visits from time to time. In 1903, Mr. Micklem married the youngest daughter of Mr. F. A. Bevan, of Trent Park, New Barnet, and went to reside at

Kimbolton. Both Mr. and Mrs. Micklem are regular followers of the Oakley, Fitzwilliam, and Cambridgeshire Hounds. Mr. Micklem is fond of all sports, and is a keen shot, fisherman, and cricketer. He is a member of the M.C.C. and Union Clubs, and lives at Kimbolton House, Huntingdon. His property in Australia is known as the Valley of Lagoons and is situated in Queensland.

Mr. L. O. Micklem.

Son of the late Mr. Frederick Norman-Scarfe, J.P., of Fursby, near Totteridge, Hertfordshire, Mr. GEORGE NORMAN-SCARFE was born August 4th, 1873, educated at Westminster School, and afterwards studied civil engineering. His hunting career started, at an early age, with the Enfield Chase Staghounds.

In 1893 he left this country and travelled abroad, and whilst in Australia and New Zealand he enjoyed varied sport. On returning to England he became a subscriber to the Vale of White Horse Hounds, and had good sport with both the Cricklade and Cirencester Hounds. He has hunted with many of the well known packs, including the Duke of Beaufort's, the Heythrop, Old Berkshire, etc., with an occasional day in Ireland. He is a subscriber to the Fitzwilliam Hounds, with which pack he has hunted for the last four seasons. He is also a member of the Oakley Hunt Club.

When hunting is impracticable, shooting, fishing, cricket, lawn tennis, and farming occupy most of his leisure. A member of the Country Club, King Street, St. James's, he resides at Pertenhall Manor, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire.



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MR. G. NORMAN-SCARFE.

Mr. G. Norman-Scarfe.

MR. JOHN NETHERCOTE SANDERS, whose family has been farming for generations, is one of the largest farmers in Northamptonshire, and has over 1,000 acres in his hands. He is the son of the late Mr. John Sanders, of Wollaston, Northamptonshire; born on September 20th, 1841, educated privately, and in due course began farming. He was very young when he first went out with the Pytchley, which he followed for many years; but for the last forty years he has hunted regularly with the Oakley.

Mr. J. N. Sanders.

He breeds shires, hacks, and hunters, and his old favourite, Union Jack, was winner at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Bedford in 1878. He has taken prizes for walking puppies, is a fine shot, and a member of the Northamptonshire Agricultural Society.



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MR. C. N. SANDERS.

His son, Mr. CECIL NETHERCOTE SANDERS, was born on July 26th, 1883, educated at Wellingborough Grammar School, and since then has been engaged in farming.

Mr. C. N. Sanders.

Although Mr. Sanders has followed at different times the Grafton, Pytchley, Woodland Pytchley, Fitzwilliam, Cambridgeshire, and Cambridge Drag, he has been a constant follower of the Oakley since he was twelve years old, and he was blooded by the late Mr. Robert Arkwright.

Mr. Sanders' best hunter was the three-quarter bred David, by Rhymer, who carried him for four seasons. He is very fond of shooting, fishing, cricket, and tennis, and has won points-to-points, in the Oakley country, on his mare, Spring Rose. He is a strong Unionist, and lives with his father at The Limes, Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, and is also a breeder of hacks, shires, and hunters.

**Mr. C. R.
Wade-Gery**

Well known as a scholar and sportsman in the Oakley country, Mr. CHARLES ROBERT WADE-GERY, who is the son of the late Rev. Robert Wade-Gery, M.A., of Colmworth, Bedfordshire, was born at Bushmead Priory on September 22nd, 1838, and educated at Marlborough and Uppingham, subsequently entering at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and graduating Second Class in the Classical Tripos of 1861. Mr. Wade-Gery married Emily, only daughter of the late Major James Hayes, of the 5th Dragoon Guards. Adopting law as his profession, Mr. Wade-Gery has practised as a solicitor in St. Neots since 1864. He began to hunt on a pony when eight years of age, following the Oakley, then under the Mastership of Major Hogg. He has regularly ridden with the pack since that date, and is now one of its oldest riding members. Besides having been a member of the Committee since the year 1907, he has also been a subscribing member to the Fitzwilliam and Cambridgeshire Hunts since 1883 and 1885 respectively. With the Devon and Somerset Stag-hounds he has seen sport, occasionally varying proceedings by a turn with the Bucks Otterhounds in the season. When hunting is impracticable, shooting and cycling engage his attention.

**MR. R. WADE-GERY, JUNR.**

As a breeder and exhibitor of hunters he has been successful at local shows, and, needless to say, has owned some first-class cattle. Of these we may mention the Irish chestnut, Clifton, whom he rode for seven seasons, and Monarch, by Friar Rush, who first carried him as a five-year-old, and subsequently for thirteen seasons. Both mounts are well known in his country. His son Robert, who is now ranching in the Argentine, and his daughter, Miss Sydney Wade-Gery, have also been followers of the Oakley.

Mr. Wade-Gery is a J.P. for Bedfordshire, a member of the New Oxford and Cambridge, and Huntingdon Town and County Clubs. He resides at Wornditch Hall, Kimbolton, Huntingdonshire, and possesses considerable property in both counties—in the parishes of Colmworth and Wootton, in Bedfordshire; and Great Staughton, in Huntingdonshire.

**MR. W. H. WADE-GERY.**

MR. WILLIAM HUGH WADE-GERY, son of the late Mr. William Hugh Wade-Gery (Bedfordshire), was born on August 5th, 1832.

He first commenced hunting as a lad on a pony, and his first kill was with the Oakley Hounds, which pack he occasionally followed for more than half a century, as well as the Cambridgeshire and the Fitzwilliam Hounds. He has had many excellent hunters at various times, but has not given preference to any one in particular. He was a good preserver of foxes, and very fond of the old fashion of shooting over dogs. He lives at The Priory, Bushmead, Bedfordshire.

**Mr.
W. H.
Wade-
Gery.****Mr. W.
Whitehead.**

MR. WILLIAM WHITEHEAD, of Shelton Hall, was born on August 28th, 1840, at Riseley, Bedfordshire, within four miles from where he now resides. He is the son of the late Mr. William Whitehead, who was a farmer on a large scale. The subject of this sketch, after receiving a local education, joined his father to study agriculture, and now farms several thousand acres in Bedfordshire and other counties. His first experiences of the chase date back to when he was but a lad of eight or nine years. Since then he has followed numerous packs, including the Pytchley, Woodland Pytchley, Fitzwilliam, Grafton, and others, but it is with the Oakley that he has been chiefly associated, together with the Fitzwilliam and the Cambridgeshire. Indeed, father and son have been closely connected with the countries around Shelton for sixty-three years past.



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Mr. Whitehead is well known as an owner of 'chasers and has had some considerable success over the sticks. He has bred and owned some very useful animals from time to time. Mr. W.
Whitehead.

Two horses, named Pioneer and Linnett, he hunted for sixteen and ten years respectively. Other favourites were, Nameless, Old Grey, and Emperor, and for the last named he refused 500 guineas. Curate, Reliance, and Popsey were the three 'chasers with whom Mr. Whitehead began his career as an owner, and in the first year he won with them no less than seventeen races.

Worker, another famous animal which Mr. Whitehead bought as a yearling in Ireland, subsequently selling a half-share in him, and finally disposing of the remaining half for 1,000 guineas.

Mr. Whitehead's son, Mr. William (junr.), who, by the way, makes the thirteenth William in succession in the male line of Whiteheads, and his sister, are also keen riders to hounds.

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MR. W. WHITEHEAD.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

AS in many other districts, the fine natural country now known as the Cambridgeshire was, at the commencement of the nineteenth century, hunted in a very unsatisfactory manner. The various adjoining hunts, some of which had the advantage of an association with ancient and aristocratic families, were in the habit of working certain portions of this territory at intervals; scratch packs were started, but they soon disappeared. This casual state of affairs came to an end in 1827, when Messrs. Hurrell, who lived near Cambridge, became the first Masters of the Cambridgeshire. These gentlemen retired in 1829, and their successor was a fine sportsman, Mr. Charles Barnett, of Scratton Park, near Biggleswade. Mr. Barnett held the Mastership for the unusually long period of thirty-eight years, during the chief part of which the Cambridgeshire hounds were held in high esteem.

From the commencement of the season until Christmas, five days a fortnight was the rule, with two days a week after the new year.

For his Hunt servants, Mr. Barnett preferred a full-sized horse of high class, but at the moderate price which he offered he had to overlook a big joint, a fired leg, or any blemish which did not actually interfere with utility. That his purchases were, sometimes at any rate, successful is proved by the fact that one of the best hunters ever seen in this or any other country was a 16-hand blood-like grey which Mr. Barnett bought from a dealer at St. Neots for £29. This fine horse carried Jack Press, his famous huntsman, where it was possible for no other animal to go. Captain Reynolds, of Paxton, a leading supporter and hard rider with the Cambridgeshire in the fifties, offered a high price for the galloping grey, but Mr. Barnett refused to sell, saying that the sale of the huntsman's best horse would not be fair to the Hunt.

In 1853-54, Charles Ward was Mr. Barnett's huntsman, and Jem Cockayne (afterwards kennel huntsman to the Oakley) turned the hounds to him. Charles Ward, better known as Bob Ward, was the pet of the many good Biggleswade sportsmen. He ultimately, however, left Mr. Barnett, and became whipper-in to Lord Southampton at huntsman's salary. The reason for this change does not appear, but it was probably on account of his being too hard or too heavy. After two seasons, Lord Dacre made him huntsman of the Hertfordshire, and there he finished his brilliant career.

Another of Mr. Barnett's old huntsmen who, throughout the season, had been frightfully abused, was, at the end of it, discovered to be deaf! He had remained in blissful ignorance of his master's censures. At one time, the famous Tom Furr, the Quorn huntsman, turned the Cambridgeshire hounds to Jack Press.

The truthful historian can hardly say that Mr. Barnett continued to sustain the high standard of sport which he had formerly shown until the end of his Mastership, which took place in 1867.



J. WARD (HUNTSMAN TO MR. C. BARNETT) ON FORESTER (circa 1843).

He was succeeded by Mr. S. C. Newton, who had been an officer in the Royal Horse Guards Blue. Coming with the wet sail of youthful energy, Mr. Newton mastered the Cambridgeshire for three seasons in splendid form, materially increasing the number of hunting days, and doing much other good work generally. It is, however, obvious that gentlemen who adopt expensive grandeur for only a short time are liable to damage the Hunt, for it is difficult to secure a suitable successor.

Mr. Charles Lindsell, of Biggleswade, had for years been one of the best sportsmen, and perhaps the finest horseman of the countryside, and by general consent he took the hounds at the end of Mr. Newton's term of office. He continued for seventeen years, the sport corresponding with the energy of the popular Master. Mr. Lindsell was quite capable of hunting the hounds himself, yet he preferred a professional huntsman. This period was unsurpassed for sport in the history of the Hunt.

In 1887-88, Mr. T. Ashton was Master, being succeeded at the end of one season only by Mr. T. W. Tindall, from 1888 to 1891. Then followed the partnership of Messrs. J. C. Evans and M. Ballard. In 1893 they retired, and Mr. G. P. Elystan Evans took the Mastership for a season by himself.

From 1894 to 1896, Mr. G. P. Elystan Evans was joined by Mr. J. A. Fielden, and on the retirement of the latter, in 1896, Lieutenant-Colonel Shuttleworth, of Warden, Bedfordshire, became a most useful financial partner of Mr. G. P. Evans. For years up to 1903, Mr. Evans hunted the hounds. He was a most efficient Master and thorough houndman.

In 1903, Colonel Shuttleworth's retirement necessitated a change of management, and Mr. George Smith-Bosanquet took the Mastership, and on his retirement, in 1906, Mr. Douglas Crossman, Gransden Hall, Sandy, became the Master, and still holds the position.

The Cambridgeshire country has never been favoured with the advantages of a sporting aristocratic family as Masters like the adjoining Fitzwilliam Hunt, nor has it the benefit of a more or less central county town, as is Bedford to the Oakley. Cambridge is only in a corner of the Hunt territory, the real centre being Biggleswade, which has been the home of so many good sportsmen. In its natural state, the Cambridgeshire country is as good as the Fitzwilliam, and better than the Hertfordshire, but past members of the Fitzwilliam family have made a notable mark in their sporting history by supplementing the Fitzwilliam Woods, with a salutary sprinkling of ten-acre gorses. The Cambridgeshire country is very bare in certain parts, there being but few covers between Huntingdon and Cambridge. The same may be said in a lesser degree of the regions of Bleak Hall, Ashwell, Dinton, etc.; hence in some parts foxes are scarce after Christmas, especially on the Cambridge side.

Were there sufficient public spirit to grow a few gorses, the Cambridgeshire would forthwith become one of the best of plough countries, provided always that the pheasant be not anywhere preferred to the fox. On the west side of the River Ouse no such improvement is necessary, as these flying woods are by far the best part, and usually hold a good show of foxes. It is thought by some good judges that this equilateral triangle of covers forms one of the best bits of woodland country in England. The Warden Woods are spacious and useful, and Chicksands is a fine covert which usually supplies the raw material.

About the middle of the last century much woodland was grubbed up, but this occurred only in the well-timbered parishes, therefore the country was not injured thereby, for woods taken from woods may be advantageous, but coverts placed on broad bare expanses are still more useful.

The country is bounded on the east by the Newmarket and Thurlow, on the south by the Hertfordshire and Puckeridge, on the west by the Oakley, and on the north by the Fitzwilliam, the entire area amounting to nearly 400 square miles. There have been no boundary changes.

Some of the more southerly coverts, such as Chicksands Wood, are neutral with the Hertfordshire, this plurality of claim being a survival of the seventeenth century system, or rather absence of system, when any hounds could hunt anywhere. If memory serves, there was, in Mr. Barnett's time, an arrangement to draw certain Bedfordshire coverts after two o'clock, but the hour may have fallen into desuetude.

Mr. C.
Barnett
—Master,
1829-67.

Only recently we came across a notice to the effect that King Edward VII., when an undergraduate at Cambridge, had set an excellent example to his fellow collegians by the care with which he avoided the over-riding of hounds.

That there was any inclination apparent in the Cantabrigian of the day to do so, we are by no means prepared to assume; the paragraph, however, served to recall the fact that in those days of His Majesty's academic career, Mr. CHARLES BARNETT was Master of the Cambridgeshire, and of an incident which then occurred. The then Prince of Wales when at Maddingley, frequently followed the pack. Upon occasion, coming out late he missed a good run, in consequence of which a second fox was drawn for, and after a fast forty minutes, duly accounted for. On the following day H.R.H. called on Mr. Barnett and expressed, with the tact with which he has ever been so happily associated, a fear that he might have been the cause of hounds being hunted so late in the day. Another incident in connection with the meet in question was that Mr. Franklin, the proprietor of the "Leeds Arms" at Eltisleigh, where the Prince refreshed man and horse on his return home, always wore on his watch-chain the sovereign given him by the Royal patron for a glass of brandy, the change from which our King refused to take.

To return, however. Mr. Charles Barnett, the only son of Major-General Barnett of the 3rd Foot Guards, was born on October 31st, 1796. His mother was the daughter of Admiral Sir Richard King, Baronet, and the subject of these notes could therefore claim descent from both our services militant. Mr. Barnett's father died of the malignant fever which swept off such a number of our troops at Gibraltar in 1801, and it is notable that one other of his ancestors, Lieutenant Barnett, went down with the doomed man-of-war, "*Stirling Castle*," about a century before, in 1703, to be exact.

Receiving his preliminary education at the seminary presided over by the Rev. W. Carmall, at Putney, a well-known school in that day, he was prepared by a private tutor for the University, and duly entered at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, as a Fellow Commoner in 1815. The powers that were at Cambridge in Waterloo year took a fine sporting view of things, hunting in particular; so that when Mr. Barnett was hailed before them by some of the "unco' guid," they merely requested that he would terminate his season as early as possible. Almost needless to say that this gentlemanly method brought about an immediate dispersal of the pack.

Upon taking possession of the family estates, Scrutton Hall, Bedfordshire, he joined the Oakley Hunt Club, and with that noted pack, and the one kept at Biggleswade by Mr. Wells, he first became a really ardent student of the intricacies of the noble science. As a proof of his ardour it may be noted that the meets of these two packs took place upon an average at least fifteen miles from Scrutton Park; and be it remembered, there were no train services in those days, and the bye-roads were in such a state that travelling on wheels was out of the question, and hacking the only possible mode of travel. It is said that under these trying conditions, Mr. Barnett was a five days a week man, which goes more to prove that his heart was in the right place than anything we could pen.

The Marquess of Tavistock, afterwards Duke of Bedford, was the Master of the Oakley, and William Wells, probably the ablest huntsman of his day, "second in command." So well did the subject of this memoir follow in the footsteps of these masters of the science that the fame of the young Squire of Scrutton went before him, and in 1829 he was requested to take over the Mastership and carry the horn in the Cambridgeshire country, which he consented to do. Having married, in



MR. CHARLES BARNETT.
With hounds General Splendour, Glory, Gladstone, and Handicap.

**Mr. C.
Barnett.**

1826, Elizabeth, third daughter of Sir Peter Payne, of Blenheim House, Bedfordshire (a hard and capable rider), Mr. Barnett found his love of sport much fostered, more especially as he had received a present of the splendid harrier pack kept by Mr. Wells, of Biggleswade, a couple of seasons before becoming a Benedict.

Upon acceptance of the Cambridgeshire country he found the pack had not been bred upon scientific principles since the secession of Sir George Leeds. He accordingly set himself to remedy matters. Fortunately there were plenty of foxes, and, upon his wants becoming known, Lord Southampton, who had purchased the Oakley from the Duke of Bedford, presented Mr. Barnett with several couples of first-class hounds to form the nucleus of a new pack. Crossing with the Belvoir and Fitzwilliam blood chiefly, he also bred from the Duke of Beaufort's Woldsman, and Ottoman, belonging to Lord Fitzhardinge. During his time he bred hundreds of hounds, but so critical was he that he only showed thrice, but scored every time.

Mr. Hugo Meynell was wont to say that the Cambridgeshire was the best scenting plough land in England, and if agricultural alterations may not entitle it to quite so high an encomium to-day, it is certain that the Brampton district is as good as of yore. Mr. Barnett considered substance and nose the greatest essentials in his country, and bred accordingly. His bitches were peculiarly fine, and all of those from which he bred boasted these qualities in superlative degree. Noted for being always with his hounds, he was most particular in the selection not only of the horses ridden by himself, but those to carry the Hunt servants. A large number of these were bred by himself. Old riders with the pack will remember such animals as Phosphorus, Walter Gay, Forester, and The Bishop, all names to conjure with in their day. As a rider he, although resolute and fast, was by no means one of the "always-on-the-floor brigade"; indeed, when his long experience in the saddle is considered, he could claim a singular immunity in this respect, and he was never seriously injured during his long innings, which extended from 1829 to 1867.

By courtesy and tact in the field he gained general respect, and in consequence of his genial nature was twice during his Mastership the recipient of handsome testimonials. Upon the first occasion the gift took the shape of a massive silver cup, handed to him when principal guest at a large dinner given in his honour at Cambridge. The second, a full-length portrait presented to him in the sixties, depicted Mr. Barnett seated on a favourite Irish mare, Mallcoon, with General Splendour, Glory, Gladsome, and Handicap, some of his pet hounds, surrounding him, as shown in the illustration. Lord Hardwicke, who presided at the banquet in Mr. Barnett's honour, duly expressed the respect in which the subject of this memoir was held.

Mr. Barnett was not only a M.F.H. himself, but the son of one. An active member of the Royal Agricultural Society, he was on the Finance and other Committees of that body, besides being a noted breeder of shorthorns and a man of affairs in his county. He joined the ever-increasing majority in 1867.

MR. SAMUEL CHARLES NEWTON, son of Mr. S. Newton, of The Downs, near Croxton, St. Neots, was born at Croxton Park, Cambridgeshire, on August 2nd, 1840. Educated privately in the first instance, and latterly at Trinity College, Cambridge, he then joined the 4th Dragoons, and was subsequently transferred to the Blues. Having remained in that crack regiment for some eight years, he, upon the death of his father, went to live on the family estates, and turned most of his attention to the worship of Diana.

**Mr. S. C.
Newton
—Master,
1867-70.**

In the month of March of the year in which he retired from the Army (1868) he was offered, and accepted, the Mastership of a pack with which he had often hunted in his salad days—the Cambridgeshire to wit. The Hunt standing much in need of new kennels, Mr. Newton made it his first care to build them, a step much appreciated by his fellow sportsmen. He next turned his attention to the pack, which required some overhauling, and in this he made appreciable changes. There was a rift in the lute, however, as, although the utmost goodfellowship prevailed among members of the Hunt, the Waresley covers were placed under such restrictions that after two seasons Mr. Newton, much to the regret of followers of the pack, tendered his resignation, nor did the solicitation of his friends induce him to reconsider his determination. Fortunately for the

Mr. S. C.
Newton.

future of the Hunt, a capital rider and good sportsman in the person of Mr. Charles Lindsell was induced to take up the reins of office.

The older school of hunting men will remember what at the time was called the "Cambridgeshire Difficulty." For the benefit of the uninitiated, however, we reproduce an unbiassed account of the position from *Baily*, by a writer well acquainted with both sides of the controversy.

"The plaintiff, if we may so term him, is Mr. Newton, Master of the Cambridgeshire Hounds, and the defendant Colonel Duncombe, who owns extensive coverts at Waresley, in the centre of the Hunt, and who is said to have annoyed Mr. Newton so much by tacitly sanctioning the destruction of foxes, that in consequence thereof he has threatened to resign the country, to the regret of all the hunting men in Cambridgeshire. To this Colonel Duncombe replies that he has invariably given the strictest orders to his keepers to preserve the foxes for the benefit of the Hunt, and that on the first complaint being made to him about three weeks ago by the Master of the Hounds upon the conduct of one of the keepers, he was immediately dismissed. Until that time, the Colonel adds, he had no reason to suppose that any dissatisfaction existed on account of the scarcity of foxes, several having been seen by himself and friends who shot with him the week before. The Colonel concludes by assuring the Editor of the *Morning Post*, to whom the letter was addressed in answer to some observations of 'Argus' upon the case, that he has good reason to believe, from information that has been given to him, that a scarcity of foxes is not the sole, or even the main, cause of the hounds being given up, and that the principal reason is one that he most sincerely regrets, viz., that the Master of the Hounds has been advised by his medical attendants to take this course. To this reply Mr. Newton rejoins as follows, and it must be allowed that he has made out a strong case for the interference of the county when he says:—That he has found but one fox in the Waresley coverts for three years, which knew his way out of them; secondly, that he has only run one fox to covert since he has had the hounds; thirdly, that the litters of cubs which have been bred in the small coverts adjoining Colonel Duncombe's estate, after they had been once disturbed and driven up to his woods, are never to be found again; fourthly, that this state of things, notwithstanding remonstrance, has got worse year by year. These statements Mr. Newton boldly avowed at a meeting especially called to consider the question of his retirement, and at which rather an angry discussion ensued, and which was finally adjourned until another day in hopes that a basis to treat may be found by the belligerent parties. Colonel Duncombe has placed his honour in the hands of Mr. Elliot York, who is fully capable of sustaining it, and Mr. Newton has the sympathies of every hunting man in Cambridgeshire; but if the report is true that Colonel Duncombe has set the example of discharging an obnoxious keeper, he may be said to have set the example of holding out the olive branch, which we trust Mr. Newton may be disposed to accept in order that Cambridgeshire may no longer be broken into two parties by the dismemberment of the Hunt. . . ."



MR. D. CROSSMAN.

Mr. D.
Crossman
—present
Master.

MR. DOUGLAS CROSSMAN, of Gransden Hall, Sandy, was born on December 8th, 1870, and educated at Charterhouse, and Oriel College, Oxford. The son of Mr. Alexander Crossman, he subsequently entered the firm of Messrs. Mann, Crossman, and Paulin, Ltd., and is now a director of the Company.

Mr. Crossman has hunted since the year 1878, principally in the early days with the Meynell until 1895, and for the next ten years followed the Essex.

In 1906, on the resignation of Mr. Smith-Bosanquet, he accepted the Mastership of the Cambridgeshire, and continues to fill that position.

Mr. Crossman is a keen shot, and as a pastime is fond of cricket. He is a member of the Junior Carlton and New Oxford and Cambridge Clubs.



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Lieutenant Colonel Sir Theodore Brinckman

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Mr Theodore. Trunkman's hunter "Low Water"

from a painting

The Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Hunt is MR. WOLVERLEY A. FORDHAM, of Ashwell Bury, Baldock.

Mr. W. A. Fordham
— Hon. Sec.

The son of the late Mr. Frederick Bailey, MR. FREDERICK THOMAS BAILEY, who was born in the year 1873, began hunting when a lad with the Cambridgeshire. He virtually confined his attention to the packs in that county during his youth; but when he arrived at man's estate he devoted his time almost exclusively to horse breeding. The production of first-class hunters, shire horses, and hackneys has since been his ambition; he has become well known in the show ring in connection with these breeds, where he has been very successful.

Mr. F. T. Bailey.

Fond of most of our better sports and pastimes he gives particular attention to shooting. He resides at Clayhythe, Cambridgeshire.

MR. JOHN EVANS BIDWELL, the eldest son of Mr. Charles Bidwell, of Ely, was born at Ely, in 1870; educated at Charterhouse, and Trinity College, Cambridge, he afterwards studied the profession of a land agent. He began hunting as a boy and was blooded by George Carter, the huntsman of the Fitzwilliam. Since then he has followed many packs, mostly adjoining his own country, such as the Newmarket and Thurlow and the Essex, and for some years he was accustomed to go down to Devonshire for spring and autumn hunting with the Devon and Somerset Staghounds. He is a member of the United University Club, and lives at 10, Barton Road, Cambridge.

Mr. J. E. Bidwell.

MR. ALFRED BOUTALL, of Hackler's House, St. Neots, was born January 6th, 1863, and is the son of the late Mr. Henry Boutall, of St. Neots, Huntingdonshire. Beginning as a lad of eight years on a pony, he has spent all his hunting days with the Oakley and the Cambridgeshire, more especially the latter, with the exception of an occasional day or so with the Fitzwilliam. His horse, Mad Kate, 15.3, a wonderful jumper, was well known in the Cambridgeshire and Oakley Hunts. He believes in making his own hunters. Mr. Boutall takes an interest in all the town affairs and is a member of St. Neots Urban District Council.

Mr. A. Boutall.

Born on May 26th, 1862, LIEUT.-COLONEL SIR THEODORE FRANCIS BRINCKMAN, BARONET, C.B., is the son of the second baronet.

His mother was Lady Cecilia, daughter of the second Marquess Conyngham, K.P.

Lt.-Col. Sir T. F. Brinckman, Bt.

Sir Theodore was educated at Eton, and subsequently entered the army, joining the 3rd Batt. Buffs, in which regiment he has spent the whole of his military career. He is now colonel-in-command, a position he has held since the year 1899.

On the outbreak of the Boer War he went to South Africa and served at the front, being twice mentioned in despatches, receiving the honour of C.B. on his return to England.

With a keen love of all field sports, Sir Theodore was a well-known figure in many hunting countries of England. He was perhaps a more frequent follower of the Cambridgeshire, Puckeridge, and Southdown Hounds, and was Master of Harriers in Cambridgeshire for some years.

Sir Theodore has for the past twenty-five years taken an interest in racing, and is himself an owner. Shooting and fishing are the other forms of sport in which he indulges, and for pastime is fond of cricket. He is a member of White's and the Orleans Clubs, and he resides at St. Leonard's, Clewer, near Windsor; his London house being 31, Grosvenor Street.



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MR. T. S. COLEMAN.

MR. THOMAS SOLLY COLEMAN, the son of Mr. Thomas Coleman, of Goss Hall, near Dover, was born in January, 1878, and educated at The King's School, Canterbury, afterwards entering the business of brewing.

Mr. T. S. Coleman.

**Mr. T. S.
Coleman.**

He hunted, as a boy, with the East Kent, and afterwards followed many packs, including the Fitzwilliam, Newmarket and Thurlow, and the Puckeridge, but since coming to Cambridge, in 1905, has regularly hunted with the Cambridgeshire. Mr. Coleman is fond of most sports, and shoots a good deal; he is a member of the Junior Constitutional and many local clubs, and lives at 120, Sturton Street, Cambridge.

**Dr. E. J.
Cross.**

DR. EDWARD JOHN CROSS, M.D., D.P.H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of St. Neots, was born November 25th, 1861, and is the son of the late Mr. Jeremiah Cross, of Overstrand, Norfolk.

He commenced his hunting career with the North Norfolk Harriers, when only eight years of age, and followed the pack as often as he could. On taking up his residence at St. Neots in 1891, he became a follower of the Cambridgeshire, and has occasional days with the Oakley. Dr. Cross says that: "Like Mr. Jorrocks, his 'horses can both ride and drive,' and again like him he thinks there is 'no sport like 'unting,' but, unfortunately, his profession is an exacting one, and leaves but little time for the pursuit."



**Mr. D.
B. Ginn.**

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MR. D. B. GINN.

An old Trinity Hall man, MR. DENNIS BARTON GINN began following the Cambridgeshire in his college days, and being a native of the town, continues to hunt with them, putting in also a day now and again with the neighbouring packs. He had, moreover, one season with the Devon and Somerset. Mr. Ginn is a son of Mr. Samuel Ginn, D.L.; he was born in Cambridge in 1879, and was educated at Lees School and Trinity, Cambridge, subsequently joining the firm of Ginn, Goodson, and Ginn, solicitors.

Interested in most other sports, his two favourites are football and swimming; he is a member of the Bath Club, and lives at Trumpington, Cambridge.

**Mr. F. C.
Hodgson.**

MR. FRED. CREIGHTON HODGSON, of Waresley, is the son of the late Mr. Harrison Hodgson, of Workington. Born on July 19th, 1872, and educated at Repton, he subsequently became land agent to Mr. George Manners, of Farnham Park, Bury St. Edmund's, which post he relinquished in 1901.

Since taking up his residence at Waresley, Mr. Hodgson has become a constant follower of the Cambridgeshire Hounds.

The Whitehaven Harriers afforded him his principal sport in early boyhood; since then he has frequently hunted with several packs, including the Oakley, North Cotswold, and Biggleswade Harriers. His favourite hunter of the past was Quits, who won the Oakley Hunt Cup in 1894. Rasper, too, carried him into second place in the Cambridgeshire Point-to-Point in 1908.

Mr. Hodgson married Mabel, eldest daughter of Dr. Cox, of Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, and their two daughters, Miss Marion and Ruby Hodgson, though still very youthful, have, nevertheless, already had a taste of the delights of the hunting field.

Mr. Hodgson is a keen shot, fond of motoring, and plays a good game of tennis and cricket.



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MR. F. C. HODGSON.

MR. EDWARD JODRELL HOPKINS, of Cambridge, well known for the excellent horses which pass through his hands, is the son of the late Rev. F. J. Hopkins, and was born at Caxton, in 1860. After leaving school he went to Sidney College, Cambridge, where he took his M.A. degree, subsequently becoming the tutor of the son of Baron Schröder. He next spent two years in travelling round the world, and on his return drifted into the business of horse dealing, and the letting of hunters and polo ponies, which he now conducts. Many Cambridge men follow hounds on Mr. Hopkins' horses.

Mr. E. J. Hopkins.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. COLONEL H. W. HURRELL.

He once supplied three of them with five hacks apiece, and they rode from Cambridge to hunt with Lord Rothschild's Staghounds; they had ample time to breakfast and change at Leighton Buzzard and go to the meet afterwards. It would be impossible in a short sketch to enumerate the numbers of good horses which Mr. Hopkins has had in his stables at various times, but we may cite David and Friday as two very well known, both excellent hunters and jumpers.

Mr. Hopkins takes much pleasure in farming a small estate, in addition to his business, and is fond of most outdoor sports.

COLONEL HURRELL and Mr. ARTHUR HURRELL come of a good sporting stock; they are the descendants of the two cousins, the Messrs. Hurrell, who reformed the Cambridgeshire eighty years ago, and were Joint-Masters

Colonel Hurrell and Mr. A. Hurrell.

from 1827 to 1829. The family name has ever been kept green in the annals of the Hunt, and by none more faithfully than the brothers who form the subject of these few notes. Both are devoted to horse and hound, and are indefatigable in promoting the welfare of the Cambridgeshire. For many years the Colonel has acted as Assistant Honorary Secretary, and at the present time is Chairman of the Hunt Committee.

MR. ALFRED JORDAN, who was born on April 20th, 1856, in St. Neots, is the son of the late Mr. William Jordan. He was educated privately, and subsequently took up farming on an extensive scale, besides interesting himself in numerous commercial concerns.

Mr. A. Jordan.

He hunted as a boy with the Cambridgeshire, and has been faithful to the pack ever since; albeit being well known with the Fitzwilliam, Oakley, and other leading Hunts.

The owner of many excellent hunters, he has done a good deal of point-to-point racing and steeplechasing, and generally has some smart horses in training. Such an one was Quits, winner of the Oakley Hunt Cup. Lioness was, however, the best he ever owned. A splendid hunter and steeplechase mare. Salmon Fly, another of his hunters, was bad to beat, and won two races in one day.

A keen sportsman all his life, Mr. Jordan has been a particularly smart polo player for many years.

Very popular in his district, he resides at Wistaria House, St. Neots.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. A. JORDAN.

MR. HERBERT KING, son of the late Mr. John King, of Broom, Biggleswade, was born October 16th, 1859. He commenced hunting with the Biggleswade Harriers and the Cambridgeshire Foxhounds, both of which he has since consistently supported. He is equally well known with the

Mr. H. King.

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MR. H. J. KING.

practised farming in all its branches. Mr. King has been a regular follower of the Cambridgeshire, and a member of the Hunt Committee since 1903.

Many are the good horses he has owned during his hunting career, but best of all was a three-quarter-bred bay, which carried him for four seasons. As a puppy walker he has been very successful, his charges having won four or five cups at various times. His home is at Wrestlingworth, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

Mr. H. H.
B. Law.

MR. HUBERT H. B. LAW is a son of the Rev. R. Arbuthnot Law, formerly Rector of Gunthorpe-cum-Bale, Norfolk, where Mr. H. H. B. Law was born. He was educated at Radley. In 1898 he accepted the Mastership of the Great Yarmouth Harriers, with which he showed capital sport for three seasons. On resigning he took Draycot Stud Farm, Wiltshire, where he and his younger



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MR. H. H. B. LAW.

brother, Mr. A. D. H. Law, successfully trained steeplechasers for Prince Hatzfeldt, Earl Rothes, and others; amongst them Deerslayer, reckoned by many good judges unlucky to have lost the Grand National in Moifaa's year. For the last five years Mr. Law has been located at Cambridge, where he successfully carries on a hunting and dealing business, with a branch establishment at Huntingdon. As a judge of hunters he has few superiors, and is ably assisted by his brother, Mr. A. D. H. Law, who is occasionally seen between the flags.

Mr. F. G.
Lomax.



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MR. F. G. LOMAX.

hunting until he returned to England in 1895. He then went to live in Norfolk, and at times

Hertfordshire pack, of which he has been a member since 1876. Two of his finest hunters were Wailhi, 15.1, whom he rode for twelve seasons, and Princess Ida, 15 hands, who carried him for fourteen. As a breeder and exhibitor of hacks, hunters, and shires at the various local shows he has been most successful, having won many cups and prizes. Ever since Mr. King was big enough to sit on a pony he has been a regular rider to hounds, and still averages his two days a week. His first experiences of the hunting field were gained with Mr. Race's Harriers, and he was blooded by Mr. John Race, Mr. George Race's father.

MR. HENRY JAMES KING, Chairman of the Biggleswade Board of Guardians, and of the Rural District Council, is the son of the late Mr. Henry King, of Wrestlingworth, Sandy, Bedfordshire. He was born on April 16th, 1841, educated privately, and afterwards

MR. FREDERICK GEORGE LOMAX, J.P., is the eldest son of Mr. John Lomax, of Manchester; he was born on November 10th, 1857, and educated abroad. In 1882 he married Helena, daughter of Mr. W. Ashley Walker, of Santiago, Chili. Since about eight years of age he has ridden almost daily, though he did not begin

followed the Norwich Staghounds. Since 1903 he has regularly hunted with the Cambridgeshire, the Fitzwilliam, and the Oakley, having occasional days with the Pytchley. He has been a member of the Cambridgeshire Hunt Committee since 1901.

Mr. F. G. Lomax.

Some of his best horses are Sancebox, one of the best-known hunters with the Cambridgeshire and Fitzwilliam; Sand Girl, by Yardarm (Stud Book), winner of the Ladies' Plate of the Cambridgeshire Point-to-Point Races in 1908; and Lotus Flower, by Timman (Stud Book), winner of the Undergraduates' Race at Caxton in 1908. He walks puppies, and is a consistent preserver of foxes. In the season of 1907-08, Potton Wood, on his place, was drawn ten times, and never a blank, which is probably a record.

Mrs. Lomax is also a regular follower of the Cambridgeshire and the Fitzwilliam on her favourite Irish horse Patch. Their three sons, Messrs. Edward, Gerald, and Arthur, and their three daughters, Miss Lomax, and the Misses Gertrude and Peggy are all keen followers of the Cambridgeshire Hounds, in addition to which Mr. Arthur owns a pack of beagles which he kennels at Cockayne Hatley.

Mr. Lomax, who owns property in the Argentine, is a member of the Conservative, Ranelagh, and the Woking Golf Clubs, and lives at Cockayne Hatley, Sandy, Bedfordshire, and 52, Queen's Gate, W.

When only four years old MISS KATHLEEN MEADE was on a pony, and at eight she was following the Cambridgeshire, with which she has hunted regularly since 1883, averaging now three days a week. She is the second daughter of the late Rev. Richard Meade, D.D., of St. Neots, and niece of the Bishop of Cork. She is looked upon as one of the straightest and most accomplished horsewomen in her country. She is



Miss K. Meade.

Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MISS K. MEADE.

strong at tennis and all games, and is, besides, an exquisite needlewoman. She is a well-known follower of the Fitzwilliam, Oakley, Pytchley, and of the Ward Union in Ireland.

Among her best horses are Biddy, Hartigan, by Kirkham, half-brother to Kirkland, who won the Grand National in 1905, and Ascetic Queen, out of a mare by Ascetic.

MR. FRANCIS M. PLATT-HIGGINS, who was born in Ireland in October, 1871, was educated at Rossall, and Trinity, Cambridge.

Mr. F. M. Platt-Higgins.

He has hunted with various packs of hounds in Ireland and England, and on settling in England renewed the acquaintance he had made with the Cambridgeshire in his undergraduate days; he has hunted with them regularly ever since.



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MR. F. M. PLATT-HIGGINS.

Mr. Platt-Higgins also follows the Harriers and the Otterhounds. He lives at Little Shelford, Cambridgeshire.

MR. GEORGE KERSHAW POPE, of Biggleswade, son of the late Mr. William Pope, of Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, was born February 11th, 1856. His career in the hunting field commenced with the Biggleswade Harriers, to which he acted as huntsman for fourteen seasons; he still follows this pack, and has been a regular follower of the Cambridgeshire Foxhounds since his boyhood, having also occasional days with the Oakley, Hertfordshire, and the Puckeridge.

Mr. G. K. Pope.

**Mr. A. F.
Towgood.**

Ever since he began to follow hounds, as a little boy upon a pony, Mr. Towgood has been faithful to the Cambridgeshire, and with the exception of an occasional day with the Fitzwilliam, has hunted regularly with the hounds of his county. Born on May 24th, 1873, Mr. Aubrey Fordham Towgood is the son of the late Mr. Alfred Towgood, of Riversfield, St. Neots.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. A. F. TOWGOOD.

He has had a good deal of sport with the Devon and Somerset Staghounds, and since 1902 has been Master and Keeper of the Riversfield Bassethounds. They hunt on Mondays and Fridays, and often go fifteen miles to the meets. One of the best runs in which he ever took part was with the Fitzwilliam Hounds. They met and found at Covington, ran for 1 hour 50 minutes, a seventeen-mile point, and killed at the back of Keystone Village, most of the run being in the Oakley country.

Mr. Towgood is an all-round sportsman, is keen on shooting and fishing, and has, since 1902, been a member of the St. Neots Polo Club.



MR. JAMES TOWLER.

**Mr. J.
Towler.**

One of a family of keen sportsmen, Mr. JAMES TOWLER, son of the late Mr. William Towler, was born at Cambridge in July, 1868; he was educated at Persse School, and on completing his education commenced farming with his father, taking his present farm, Nether Hall, in 1895. He has followed the Cambridgeshire Hounds from his boyhood, and has also had days with the neighbouring packs. In 1900 he took the Mastership of the Cambridgeshire Harriers for two years, his brother acting as first whip for him. He breeds both shire horses and hunters, and has won many jumping prizes with the latter, as well as having been very successful as an exhibitor of the heavy breed. Mr. Towler enjoys both shooting and coursing, and lives at Nether Hall, Cambridgeshire.

THE FITZWILLIAM.

SINCE the year 1499, Milton has been in the Fitzwilliam family without a break. Robert Whittlebury, who had been sheriff of the county, conveyed Milton to John Fitzwilliam, of Green's Norton, who had married Eleanor, daughter of William Villiers, of Brokesby, in Leicestershire. He was succeeded by his son, William, who was subsequently knighted by Henry VIII., and from that period until 1620 the family held many important and political appointments, and an unbroken record of successive knighthoods. In 1620, William Fitzwilliam was created Lord Fitzwilliam, of Lifford, county Donegal, by James I. He was succeeded by his eldest son, William, in 1643, in which year also was born his eldest son, who later represented Peterborough in several Parliaments. In 1716 he was created Viscount Milton, county Westmeath, and Earl Fitzwilliam, of Tyrone. He died the same year, and his eldest son having predeceased him, the title went to the next son, John, who became second Earl. He had only one son, William, born in 1719, who on the death of his father became third Earl, and was made an English peer under the title of Baron Milton in 1742. In 1746 he became Viscount Milton and Earl Fitzwilliam of Norborough.

The third Earl married Lady Anne Wentworth, eldest daughter of the Marquess of Rockingham, and his eldest son, William, born in 1748, became eventually the fourth Earl. The Marquess of Rockingham dying without issue, left his estates in Yorkshire to the fourth Earl, who founded the present pack. Although there is no doubt that hounds were kept previously to 1760, unfortunately owing to a fire in the kennels, all records were lost. The kennels, which were repaired, are still in use, hounds having been kennelled there ever since. They are believed to be the oldest in the United Kingdom, and give one the impression of having at some time of their existence formed part of an old priory, their ancient windows and doorways having the appearance of ecclesiastical origin. Sporting instincts were early developed in the fourth Earl, and at the age of nine years he entered into the delights of hunting with great zest. He purchased a pack later on from the joint owners, Lord Foley and Mr. Crewe, who had previously obtained them from Mr. Child, the banker. These hounds had formerly belonged to Lord Thanet, who had previously hunted the Oxfordshire country. In 1760 the afore-mentioned pack migrated to Milton, one Will Dean coming with them as huntsman, combined the good and exceptional qualities of huntsman and first-class breeder of hounds. His judgment in selection of blood, pace, and staying power was exemplified by a sporting test between the Milton pack and Mr. Meynell's, in which ten couples from each kennel raced for a kill after a forty minutes' burst. The Milton hounds, Dartar and Druid, easily led the van, to the delight of Lord Fitzwilliam and the chagrin of Mr. Meynell. Dartar was by Mr. Skelton's Boxer

Beauty, and was entered in season 1768, whilst Druid, an older hound, does not appear in the entry, the previous lists having been destroyed.

In 1782, on the death of the Marquess of Rockingham, the Earl succeeded to the Wentworth estates, building there new kennels and stabling, which were second to none in England at that time, and which hold their own even at the present day. Lord Fitzwilliam took part of the Milton pack at this time and hunted up in Yorkshire, keeping his second pack still at Milton. During this period,



From a painting at Milton.

THE FOURTH EARL FITZWILLIAM.

Will Dean had as his assistants in the field William Newnau as first whip, and Lambert, son of Lord Lonsdale's huntsman for many years, as second; later on came John Clarke, who was connected with the staff for thirty-six years; he gradually rose from the stables to the position of second and first whip, and subsequently, for a very short time, carried the horn. Will Dean himself continued until 1821, being a record age for a hunt servant in active harness at this time. John Clarke took his place, until relieved during the same season by Thomas Sebright, who had, amongst other Hunt servants under him, one Isaac Guest. This man also acted as whip for thirty-six years.

Of Thomas Sebright it might be said he was "one of Nature's gentlemen," for never was a more popular huntsman born. Beloved alike by his assistants and his field, his whole soul was wrapped up in his hounds. He had George Carter, who came to him as a lad.

In 1825 a celebrated run with these hounds took place. Meeting at Hunt's Cloves, hounds found their second fox at Denton, killing on Wild Goose Farm, in three hours, two miles out of Huntingdon; out of an immense field for those days (about 200), only Lord Milton and six others were up. Numbers were to be seen in one field, a deep plough, dismounted, their horses unable to get any further, having been run "stone cold." Hounds ran through fourteen lordships and covered a straight point of eighteen miles, but as they ran it must have been nearly thirty miles—certainly well over twenty-five.

Lord Milton when returning in the dark was nearly drowned in a swollen stream at the ford. His shouts were heard by some keepers, who came to his assistance just in time.

At this date Lord Lonsdale's kennels were largely made use of in the Milton pack, nine couples in the new entry being from that blood, three couples of which were by his Reveller, whilst Racer, Prior, and Pillager, were responsible for the other six couples.

To return to Tom Sebright the huntsman, he came of good hunting stock. He was the son of old Tom Sebright, who, with Tom Moody, were first of all whips to Mr. Corbett in Shropshire, but afterwards went to the New Forest as huntsman. Tom (junr.) was born at Stow-on-the-Wold, in 1789, where as a lad he ran with Mr. Villebois' pack, which hunted the Romsey side of Hampshire. He then went as second whip to Mr. "Jack" Musters, when fifteen years of age, and from there to Sir Mark Sykes, of Sledmere, who, with Mr. Legard, was hunting the North Riding.



From a picture in the possession of Mr. E. W. Wilkinson, of Edcinstone.

TOM SEBRIGHT AND THE FITZWILLIAM HOUNDS.

His next move was to Squire Osbaldeston in Leicestershire, and in the season of 1821-22 he came to Milton and hunted the hounds for practically fifty years.

From 1833-46, Lord Yarborough's kennels were responsible for a large proportion of the annual entries; now and again recourse was had to the Belvoir, Sir Richard Sutton's, and Sir Tatton Sykes' blood.

In 1844, William Barwick relieved Guest, and in 1845, G. Carter became first whip, having been in the kennels since ten years of age, albeit at times he had been with harriers, and also



From a painting at Milton.

HARDWICK AND FRIENDLY.

Mr. Selby Lowndes'; William Turpin at this period was second whip. In 1857, the Hon. George Fitzwilliam succeeded to the Mastership. Lord Fitzwilliam made up a fresh pack from the Milton, and removed them for a permanency to Wentworth. In 1859, the first Foxhound Show ever held, "Open to all England," took place at Redcar, in Yorkshire, under the auspices of the Cleveland

Agricultural Society. Mr. Parrington, the Secretary, was responsible for its organization. Here the Milton kennels swept the board for the best couples of hounds in the show; eight other kennels competed. A picture which we reproduce by the permission of the present owner of Milton depicts the two hounds Hardwick, by Lord Yarborough's Harbinger—Handmaid, and Friendly, by Feudal—Melody; Feudal was by Flyer—Blithesome, and Melody by Marmion—Harmony.

Much of the blood at this time was indebted indirectly to a hound called Royal, who was the corner stone of Sir Watkin Wynn's, Tynedale, Oakley, and Atherstone packs, where he was very extensively used; through the Tynedale, with their hounds Ardent and Albion, he has left his stamp in the kennels at the present day. Royal was by Singer, out of the Brocklesby Rarity. From this period to the present day the Fitzwilliam Hounds have kept up their reputation for size, bone, symmetry, and quality, and have again and again carried everything before them on the show benches, not only in their own kennels directly, but also wherever the introduction of Milton blood has been tried.

In 1860, Tom Sebright received a testimonial of £800, presented to him in a cup by the Duke of Manchester, at a meeting held in the Town Hall at Huntingdon; he, however, only survived one more year to enjoy its benefit. He met with a fall when riding his grey mare, from which he never recovered; he died one Sunday morning just as the church bells ceased ringing, fancying he saw his hounds to the last. He was mourned by all who knew him, not only as a huntsman, but as a friend.

The majority of the country hunted by the Fitzwilliam Hounds belongs to the Master, whilst such well-known sportsmen and supporters of foxhunting as the Duke of Buccleuch, the Marquess of Exeter, Earl of Carysfort, Lord Chesham, Sir John Trollope, Mr. Heathcote, Lord Lilford, and Mr. L. Brassey practically own all the rest. The boundaries are much the same now as then. Drawing a line from Monk's Wood on the east to Stamford on the west delineates their northern boundary, and from Stamford south through Blatherwycke to Higham Ferrers forms the western limit. From the latter place to Kimbolton, through Huntingdon to Ramsey, and back to Monk's Wood, and on to Peterborough, forms the square in which the Fitzwilliam country lies. Made up of every sort of obstacle, in which in certain parts the "going" is very heavy, it includes a large amount of "timber" of the stiffest kind, whilst "water" must not be shirked if the rider would be with the hounds.

A short-backed, well-ribbed horse, well let down, with plenty of bone and a nice cross of blood, would seem more adapted for this country than the galloping blood horse of the shires.

On the death of Tom Sebright in 1861, George Carter was promoted from first whip to fill the vacant post—a man from all accounts, who was an excellent huntsman, and no respecter of persons. The Hon. George Fitzwilliam, the Master, was M.P. for Peterborough, and he carried on the Mastership for seventeen years until his death in 1874.

He was succeeded by the Hon. Charles Fitzwilliam, the present Master and owner then being a minor, eight years of age. Carter remained on, with J. Hills as first whip. Retiring in 1877, Mr. Charles Fitzwilliam was succeeded by the Marquess of Huntly, who held the post for some three seasons only, and who, during the last season, took on Fred. Payne, from the Pychley, as first whip in place of John Hills. The Hon. Thomas Fitzwilliam next carried on the hounds for seven seasons, during which time the present huntsman, Will Barnard, came on as second whip; otherwise there was no change on the staff, Carter and Payne keeping their former positions.

Then for one season Mr. George Fitzwilliam filled the post of Master, but, retiring in 1888, he was succeeded by Colonel H. Wickman; G. Carter retired, and Fred. Payne carried the horn, Barnard becoming first whip, and W. Olding second. After the first season, Barnard left, Olding taking his place, and being later on succeeded by Pittaway.



From a picture at Milton.

GEORGE CARTER.

Colonel Wickman retired in 1892, giving place to Mr. Joseph Fielden; Fred. Payne went to the Chiddingfold, and the Master hunted hounds himself, with Smith and Grant successively to turn hounds to him.

The hounds at this period had somewhat deteriorated, and on the resignation of Mr. Fielden, in 1895, fresh blood was introduced by the new Masters, Mr. George Fitzwilliam and Mr. C. B. Wright, who chiefly made use of strains which had, in earlier years, sprung originally from the Milton pack, and thus they were to a large extent harking back to their own blood.

The result has been extraordinary; they have produced a pack second to none, whether it be for work and music, or show benches. All seem combined, and the records of success at all the hound shows in Great Britain will testify to the extraordinary judgment and fine knowledge of breeding that the two Masters possessed.

We can do little more in our limited space than touch upon some of the successes of the pack at different times. In 1879-80, at the Peterborough Show, they were first with their couple, Shiner and Spanker, the latter the sire of the former. In the following season this success was repeated with Shiner and Sinbad.

Subsequently introducing Grafton, Tynedale, and Badsworth blood, and to some extent their own old blood at Wentworth, they have produced the grand type that now exists.

Purchasing a draft from the Grafton, in consequence of their loss of fresh entries by distemper, they used Analyst, by the Belvoir Watchman—Agile, Dorset, by Digby, and Fortescue, by Danger, all coming from the Grafton, and together with the Wentworth Proctor, the Tynedale Ardent and Albion, and the Badsworth Stormer, have been the means of producing such wonderful stock.

Closely studying the result of these hounds in the present kennel, it will be noticed that in almost every case the show bench has seen their progeny with satisfactory results. Starting, therefore, with the Grafton Digby, who was the sire of Dorset—Daitymaid (Dorset being responsible for such hounds as Brushwood, Brampton, Lusty, and Donovan), Donovan got Frantic—Fretful, by Belvoir Stormer—Fractions. Frantic took first prize, together with Dialect, for the best couple of bitches at Peterborough (1908). Dialect was by Potent—Difficult (Difficult, coming from outside blood, was by the Devon Dandy—Railery).

Analyst sired Sanguine, a prize winner, out of Sacred, by the Buccleuch Somerset—Rudiment, who whelped Saladin to Potent, who was by the Wentworth Proctor, out of the Tynedale Ardent. Saladin in turn sired Sanction and Saucebox, out of Tactless—two more hounds who have taken honours. Saladin was sire of Dolomite—Dorothy, throwing back to the Grafton Digby.

The blood of the Badsworth Stormer is strongly marked by Solom—Rancid; Solom sired the following: Painter, Partial, and Pansy, the latter out of Paragon, own sister to that grand old hound, Potent, who has done so much to build up the kennel the last few years (but who, alas! has just died), thereby again throwing back to the Tynedale Ardent.

The Atherstone Harper has left the most remarkable bone and size behind him; he sired Harper, out of the Tynedale Ardent, who again in turn sired Harriet—Dorothy, thereby getting a double cross of Tynedale and Grafton blood. Harper also got Hamlet—Gesture, by the Holderness General—Reprimand [Badsworth Ramspur Rakish], the biggest young hound in the pack, also a prize-winner at the Peterborough Unentered Dog Hounds in 1908.

Other packs have benefited much by coming to the Milton for their blood, and in almost every case they have produced the best type of hound in their respective kennels, and many prize-winners. We are unable in this place to do justice to the famous Milton kennels; further particulars will be given in the space allotted to the Hound in another volume of this work.



From a painting at Milton.

POTENT.

PLATO, 1907. SALADIN, 1906.

RECTOR, 1906. GLATTON, 1905.

We give below two notable runs of the Fitzwilliam Hounds :

On Monday, November 12th, 1906, hounds met at Haycock, Wansford, and found their first fox at Elton New Cross ; bearing to the left along the Elton and Wansford Road, then the Peterborough Road and Mr. Healey's Lodge on the right, they turned, going straight to Stock Hill, leaving Ashpole Spinney on the left, over Boundary Fence to the brook, on to Washingley and Lutton Road, across High Holborn Farm to the bottom of the brook ; leaving Flittesmere on the left, they ran on nearly to Hemmington, then coming back a little, held Luddington on the right, going past the back of Great Gidding. Here, probably, they changed foxes, and passed through the churchyard at Great Gidding, over Luddington Road for the Grove ; the fox took them along the meadows heading for Little Gidding Gorse, and, bearing to the left to Cow Pasture Plantation, went on by Mr. Hopkinson's Cover, up Sawtreys Road, where he was headed, and turned short right-handed ; he made for a point down Aversley Wood, and was hallo'd away on Gidding Side. Only ten of the field remained. Hounds ran hard for 3 hours 15 minutes, at times very fast. From Wansford Tunnel to the top end of Aversley is twelve miles, whilst as hounds ran, twenty-three miles.

Again, on Saturday, January 12th, 1907, they found at Lilford Lynch, ran to Cuckoo Fens and Barnwell Village, back to Stone Pits in Lilford Park. Hounds found again in the open in a rough field, Clapton, passed Mariner's Gorse on the right to Green Lane, past Weston Grove, Old Weston Lodge, for Leighton, on to Solom Wood ; leaving that one field on left, to Winwick Village, they bore to the left into a rough field, Old Weston. He was run into another two fields further on. Time, 1 hour 5 minutes, at racing pace the whole time. The fox was found in the open and died in the open, never touching a single covert during the whole run—a five and a-half miles point, and a little over twelve miles by measurement as hounds ran.

The account of the Fitzwilliam Hunt is so nearly a history of the Fitzwilliam family that little remains to be said. We may go back to the time of the first Sir William Fitzwilliam, who married Eleanor, daughter of Sir John Elmley, of Elmley and Sprotburgh. His son, Sir William, Lord of Elmley and Sprotburgh, Yorkshire, was living in 1117, as appears from a grant made by him of a piece of wood in Elmley to the monks of Piland. To this grant a seal is affixed. It represents a man on horseback, and on the reverse are the arms of Fitzwilliam. Another ancestor was that Sir William Fitzwilliam, of Sprotborough or Sprotburgh, who distinguished himself in the Scottish Wars, 1301, and was sent to Guienne with the Earl Warren. His son, by the way, Sir William, the younger knight-banneret, came to an untimely end, being taken at the Battle of Boroughbridge, 1322, and executed at York during the lifetime of his father.

A notable member of the family was Mr. William Fitzwilliam, of Milton and Gains Park, Essex. He was Alderman of the Bread Street Ward and Sheriff in 1506. He had been in the train of Cardinal Wolsey, and afterwards retiring to Milton, there kindly received his former master in the hour of his disgrace. The choleric king hearing of this demanded an explanation, to which Mr. Fitzwilliam replied that he had not acted in contemptuous disobedience of His Majesty's orders, but in gratitude to the fallen minister, who had been his master and partly the founder of his good fortune. At this answer Henry was so pleased that he knighted Mr. Fitzwilliam forthwith and made him a member of the Privy Council.

Notable in connection with this great family pack is the fact, as reference to the history will show, that there were but three Masters, all Fitzwilliams, extending over a period of 120 years, and four huntsmen, John Clarke (part of one season only), Will Dean, Sebright, and Carter.

The
Fitzwilliam
Family.



From a picture at Milton.

THE LATE HON. GEORGE WENTWORTH-FITZWILLIAM.

**The
Fitzwilliam
Family.**

At the time the last named came into office, that fine sportsman the Hon. George Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, third son of the fifth Earl, was Master of the pack. Born May 3rd, 1817, he was educated at Eton and Cambridge University, and married March 18th, 1865, Alice Louisa, second daughter of General the Hon. George Anson. Taking the Mastership of the pack in 1857, he, with Sebright, showed splendid sport. If possible, it improved with the appointment of George Carter in 1861.

Saturday, December 14th, in that year was a red-letter day, as the proceedings of the newly-appointed huntsman were closely watched. Finding at Barnwell Wold the fox, a straight-necked customer, made for Solon Wood, and after a rattling run of seventy-five minutes was killed near Connington House. It was averred that George Carter's "Whoo, whoop!" could be heard in Huntingdon town.

During the continuance of the Hon. George's Mastership, our present Gracious King, then Prince of Wales, paid some visits to the Fitzwilliam country. It is related that upon one occasion he participated in a fast thing from Titchmarsh Warren to Lilford, when the fox doubling back, came at a great pace by Thorpe towards Titchmarsh. His Royal Highness was galloping towards the railway crossing when the gate-keeper slammed the gate in front of him, replying to the Royal remonstrance in strong language, and stoutly asserting that he would allow no person to pass until the train had gone through. The Hon. George met with a severe accident during the season 1873-74, to which he succumbed on March 4th, 1874. One who knew him well in the various relations of life said, "It is quite impossible to speak too highly of him." A thorough sportsman with a perfect knowledge of the science he so loved, and a firm adherence to his conventional rules; a famous horseman, quiet in the field, but yet keeping order with a firm dignity, and popular with all classes.

Mr. Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, of Alwalton, Northamptonshire, succeeded his brother George as Master in 1877. Born September 18th, 1826, he was educated at Eton and Cambridge University; he was M.P. for Malton from 1852 to 1885; a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society; he was colonel of the late West York Yeomanry Cavalry. That he was almost born in the saddle, to use a figure of speech, is the equivalent of saying that he was a Fitzwilliam. THE HON. WILLIAM THOMAS WENTWORTH-FITZWILLIAM, late of the Royal Life Guards, was born October 7th, 1846, and was the third son of the sixth Earl. He held the Mastership of the family pack for seven seasons, and fully maintained the great reputation of the Hunt during the period. One of the fastest gallops during his Mastership occurred on November 28th, 1881, when the meet was at Barnwell Castle, the day being very wet. Finding in Kingsthorpe Coppice, they hunted by Ashton Wold, Papley Spinney, Ashpole Spinney, Warmington, and Elton up to Fabling's Lodge at Fotheringhay, where the fox was lost after a very severe run.

The late Hon. W. Thomas Wentworth-Fitzwilliam died March 23rd, 1896.



From a picture at Milton.

THE HON. CHARLES
WENTWORTH-FITZWILLIAM.

**The
Marquess
of Huntly
—Master,
1877-80.**

According to Lodge, Sir Alexander Seton, son of Sir William Seton, of Seton, obtained from Robert, Duke of Albany, a charter dated July 20th, 1408, of the lands of the baronies of Gordorn and Huntly Fogow, Fawnys and Mellerslaines, in Berwickshire, Strabolgy and Beldygordorn in Aberdeenshire, and was thenceforth styled Alexander de Seton dominus de Gordon, was in the wars of France, 1421, among the Scottish Forces sent to the assistance of the Dauphin. He married Elizabeth, only child of Sir Adam Gordon of Huntly, who fell at Hamilton, September 14th, 1402. She died March 16th, 1438, having had three sons. Alexander de Seton, second Lord of Gordon, was created Earl of Huntly by James II. in 1444.

The present holder of the Marquisate, SIR CHARLES GORDON, P.C., MARQUESS OF HUNTLY, was born March 5th, 1847. He is Earl of Aboyne and Baron Strathavon and Glenlivet, and Baron Meldrum of Morden, Aberdeenshire, a Baronet and Premier Marquess of Scotland. A Lord-in-Waiting to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, 1870-73. He was Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms,

1881, and Lord Rector of Aberdeen University, 1891-93 and 1896. He succeeded his father as eleventh Marquess, September 18th, 1863.

The
Marquess
of Huntly.

Early introduced to the hunting field, the Marquess blossomed into a Master in 1877, when he consented to take over the direction of the Fitzwilliam, in succession to the late Hon. Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam. To succeed so capable a man was by no means an easy task; when we record, therefore, that he gave every satisfaction during three seasons, ample evidence is given that he was a Master in more senses than one.

During his tenure of office, possibly the best run was on March 11th, 1880, and although reynard saved his brush, it was a very fast thing throughout. The meet was at Walcot Park, and after drawing several coverts blank, they found an outlying dog fox at Ninston, ran him almost to Etton, then back to Lotham Bridges over the Welland, thence along the Great Northern Road past Casewick to Shillingthorpe Woods, where they lost a very straight-necked fox.

We believe that the fact of the Hon. William Thomas Wentworth-Fitzwilliam being prepared to accept the responsibility of Mastership was the reason of the Marquess resigning in his favour in 1880.



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MR. G. C. WENTWORTH-FITZWILLIAM.

MR. GEORGE CHARLES WENTWORTH-FITZWILLIAM is the eldest son of the late Hon. George Wentworth Fitzwilliam, of Milton. Born January 2nd, 1866, he was educated at Eton, and subsequently went to Germany, where he studied for the profession of arms. Upon his return to this country he was gazetted to the Royal Horse Guards, and afterwards, upon his retirement as a lieutenant, became a captain in the Northants Imperial Yeomanry.

Mr. G. C.
Went-
worth-
Fitzwilliam
—present
Master.

As was only to be expected of the scion of so great a sporting family, he was introduced to the saddle at a very early age, and to the hunting field as soon as he could bestride a pony. Then followed a curious episode which he will doubtless permit us to mention:—

In his teens he contracted a sudden, and unaccountable, dislike for hunting, and although at the Lawn Meet to celebrate his coming of age, at the kennels, Milton, he accepted the Mastership of the family pack, it was relinquished by him at the end of the season 1887-88.

Strange to say, nine years later he returned to his first love, accepting the cares of office, with Mr. C. B. E. Wright acting as Deputy-Master and huntsman. The latter gentleman's arrangement with the Fitzwilliam coming to an end in May, 1901, the subject of this memoir agreed to take the sole direction of affairs, which he still retains, and, as all the world knows, is one of the most popular and enthusiastic Masters in the kingdom.

The late Duke of Beaufort once remarked, "We have all heard of men giving up hunting at thirty, but never of one resuming it at that age; the incident is unique."

Hunting is Mr. Fitzwilliam's principal recreation. He varies matters by an occasional turn with the gun, but the Turf has no charms for him. Most of his hunters are bought from the farmers in his country; he has, however, some well-bred brood mares. The kennels are in the park of his country seat, Milton, Peterborough.

Mr. Fitzwilliam is a member of the Garrick, Travellers', Orleans, and Pratt's Clubs, and a D.L., J.P., and C.A. for the Soke of Peterborough, and essentially a man of affairs; he was High Sheriff for Northamptonshire in 1894, and Mayor of Peterborough 1900.

The post of Honorary Secretary is filled by Mr. J. L. MILLS, of Tansor Court, Oundle, who succeeded Mr. H. Wickham, of Barnwell Castle, in 1908. Mr. Wickham had held the Secretaryship for two years previously.

Mr. J. L.
Mills
—Hon. Sec.

Mr. J. G. Barford.

MR. JAMES GOLBY BARFORD, of Gayhurst, Peterborough, is the son of Mr. William Barford, and was born at Peterborough in 1861. He began following the Fitzwilliam as a boy, and has continued to hunt with them almost exclusively ever since. He is on the Committee of the Agricultural Society, the Hound Show, and of the Smithfield Club, and is a member of the Corporation of Peterborough.

Mr. V. H. Bettinson.

It is difficult to imagine any more fascinating pursuit than the breeding, making, and selling of hunters, and when the results show a balance on the right side, the breeder is indeed much to be envied. MR. V. HENRY BETTINSON is one of the few clever men who combine business and pleasure in this way. His patrons are well known and representative men in the hunting field, and many of his horses fetch big prices; a few of the best that he has made and sold are, Cottesmore, Wansford, Gentleman, Bumpions, Burleigh,



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. J. G. BARFORD.



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and The Burglar, by The Bobby, all well-known horses in the Fitzwilliam and Leicestershire countries.

Mr. Bettinson is the son of the late Mr. George Bettinson; he was born in May, 1818, in South Lincolnshire, where his father was farming, and educated at the Local Grammar School; as soon as his schooldays were over, he at once began the study of agriculture, and has, since then, farmed land in various parts of the country, finally coming to Water Newton, where he now has a large farm. As a boy, he began his hunting with Lord Kesteven's Hounds, which have long ago been given up, and since then has followed many different packs, the Cottesmore and the Belvoir among them; but the pack with which he has been most closely associated is the Fitzwilliam, the occupation, which he has farmed since 1884, being situated in one of the best parts of the Fitzwilliam country. He has a fox

covert in the centre of his farm, Water Newton Gorse, which he never likes to see drawn blank.

Mr. Bettinson is a well-known and popular hunting farmer, who gets his two or three days a week in the season. He lives at Water Newton, his house being on the London and York Main Road.

Mr. J. Bertram.

MR. JULIUS BERTRAM, M.P. for the Hitchin Division of Hertfordshire, was born in November, 1866, and educated at Repton, and New College, Oxford; he hunted regularly in the Fitzwilliam country for seven or eight years before entering Parliament, the autumn sessions of which have rendered it very difficult for the representatives of the people to participate in the greatest of all sports.



MR. J. BERTRAM.

Mr. F. J. P. Birch and Mr. L. G. Trower.

Among the keenest of the many followers of Mr. George Fitzwilliam's Hounds are MR. FREDERICK JAMES PEREGRINE BIRCH and MR. LIONEL G. TROWER. These two gentlemen, both the most ardent of sportsmen, own between them a charming little hunting box, Haddon Manor, Northamptonshire,

about ten miles from Peterborough. Mr. Birch is the son of the late Mr. Peregrine Birch, and was born in Sussex in 1850. His grandfather, the late Mr. Wyley Birch, was a well-known sportsman in East Anglia a hundred years ago. The family is a large as well as a sporting one, our

Mr. F. J. P.
Birch and
Mr. L. G.
Trower.



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. L. G. TROWER.

subject being one of nine children, while his father was one of sixteen. On completing his education Mr. Birch became a member of the Stock Exchange, and is now in partnership with his friend, Mr. Trower.

His first days in the hunting field were with the Queen's Staghounds when the famous Davis was huntsman. Later in life he went to Market Harborough, and from there hunted with the Pytchley, the Cottesmore, Mr. Fernie's, and the other neighbouring packs. After three seasons at Grantham with the Belyoir and others, followed by three seasons from Melton Mowbray and one with the Atherstone from Coombe Abbey, the next move was to the Fitzwilliam country in 1891. Mr. Birch has hunted regularly with the last-named pack ever since, though it was not till 1899 that he



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MR. F. J. P. BIRCH.

took Haddon Manor in conjunction with Mr. Trower. Two of the best of his many horses are Silver Tail and a horse by Snowstorm.

Mr. Lionel George Trower is the son of the late Mr. George Trower, of an old Sussex family. He was born in 1860, and his first experiences of hunting were gained with the Southdown, but on arriving at years of discretion he and Mr. Birch joined forces, and ever since the sporting life of each of these gentlemen has been the same story, hunting together from Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray, and Grantham for many seasons. For a number of years Mr. Trower was a captain in the Yeomanry. Two of his best hunters were Chamois and Mercury, and he has figured in numerous point-to-point races.

Both Mr. Birch and Mr. Trower are devotees of the rod and the gun; they rent a 40,000-acre shoot, the Isle of Lewes, Stornoway, on the River Gress, where the salmon-fishing is as much an attraction as the moors, on which they make many good bags; they have five brace of Gordon setters to shoot over.

They are members of many London clubs, though most of their time is spent at Haddon Manor.

Redshanks Farm, Farcet, near Peterborough, on which MR. ARTHUR JOHN BIRD now resides, is

Mr. A. J.
Bird.



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MR. A. J. AND THE MISSES BIRD.

named after a famous race-horse owned by his grandfather. The son of the late Mr. John Bird, he was born in June, 1865, at Norman Cross, very near where he now lives. His father, a well-known hunting man in the Fitzwilliam country, farmed much land in the vicinage, and the subject of these notes assisted him until 1896.

Commencing to hunt as a boy with the Fitzwilliam, he has been loyal to the pack ever since, and is still one of the keenest followers of the Hounds.

**Mr. A. J.
Bird.**

He breeds hunters and shire horses, which he has shown in various parts of the kingdom with marked success ; in this respect he follows the example of his father.

A member of a well-known yeoman family, Mr. Bird's sisters are as keen lovers of horse and hound as himself. He is catholic in his love of all better-class sports.

**Mr. H.
Coote.**

MR. HOWARD COOTE, J.P., of Stukeley Hall, Huntingdonshire, is the youngest son of the late Mr. Thomas Coote, of Oaklands, Fenstanton, and was born in February, 1865. Initial experiences in the hunting field were with the Cambridgeshire and the Fitzwilliam, to which succeeded the Woodland Pytchley, York and Ainsty, Bramham Moor, the Devon and Somerset, and other packs.

In his early manhood Mr. Coote farmed some 1,500 acres. Upon the death of an elder brother he gave up farming, and went into business. Five years ago he purchased Stukeley Hall, Huntingdonshire, and when time permits he is a regular follower of the Cambridgeshire and Fitzwilliam.

Mr. Coote takes an interest in partridge-driving, and holds the record bag for Huntingdonshire. One of the oldest votaries of the motor, he was the first man to drive a steam car from the eastern counties to Scotland. He is a magistrate for Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire, and a member of the Automobile Club.

**Captain R.
F. Dalton.**

CAPTAIN ROBERT FITZGERALD DALTON, son of the Rev. Henry Dalton, M.A., of Hastings, was born on April 25th, 1838, and on leaving school joined the old 55th Westmoreland Regiment, now the Border Regiment, and served in the latter part of the Crimea ; he holds the medal and clasp for the Bhotan campaign. In 1866 he married Marianne, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Rawson, of Woodhouse Hall, Yorkshire. In 1868 he retired.

When he was about ten years old he followed the Rev. "Jack" Russell's pack, which hunted fox, hare, and otter. In 1855 he hunted with Mr. Mervyn Marshall's Hounds, and on returning to England in 1866 again followed "Parson" Russell for his last two seasons on Exmoor. Afterwards he rode with the Fitzwilliam (with which he had hunted first in 1862, when Tom Sebright was huntsman) on Wednesdays and Saturdays, alternately with the Oakley on Thursdays and Saturdays, and the Cambridgeshire on Tuesdays, besides odd days with the Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's.

For ten years (1866-76) he spent his autumns with the Devon and Somerset, and the following decade with the Exmoor, in Mr. Nicholas Snow's time.

His daughter, Miss Idia Fitzgerald, has been following the Fitzwilliam, Oakley, and Pytchley from early childhood, and can ride either side as well as astride. In 1886 she won Mr. Robert Arkwright's first prize at his own show for walking puppies.

Besides pig-sticking, Captain Dalton had hunting in India of various kinds, and has had good sport with the Trelawny Otterhounds in Devon. Among the best of his horses were Ironsides, Woodman, Honour Bright, Sportsman, and Hit or Miss. For the last fifteen years he has ridden with only one leg, the right one having been amputated above the knee. He is a member of the Army and Navy and the Junior Conservative Clubs ; he lives at Tilbrook Hall, Huntingdonshire, and owns property in Bedfordshire.



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CAPTAIN R. F. DALTON.

**Mrs. H.
Farns-
worth.**

MRS. HANNAH FARNSWORTH is one of the best-known lady riders with the Fitzwilliam Hounds. American by birth, she learnt to love horse and hound in her own country before coming to live in England. First experiences at our covert sides were with Lord Harrington's, with which pack she spent two or three seasons. In 1888, Mrs. Farnsworth migrated to the Fitzwilliam territory, where

she found that splendid pack so much to her liking that she has remained there ever since. Having



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MRS. FARNSWORTH.

a lively appreciation of the merits of a foxhound, she enjoys an exhibition of hound work quite as keenly as a good gallop. Not only does Mrs. Farnsworth walk puppies, but she keeps a sort of canine hospital for the ailing at her residence, Old Fletton, Peterborough. Taking a keen interest in horse breeding, she has usually some good brood mares in her stables for hunter breeding, of which she



MRS. FARNSWORTH'S SNOWFLAKE.

has turned out some splendid specimens. Of these, more especially worthy of mention, Snowflake, a splendid white hunter, and Sunshine rank very, very high. A fine rider and thorough sportswoman, the company of horses and hounds is a necessary part of her existence.

MR. MORRIS LEONARD HULBERT, the son of Mr. Morris Charles Hulbert, of Berkshire, was born in January, 1887, and educated at Radley, and Clare College, Cambridge. He commenced hunting as a boy of six with the Cottesmore, and has since followed several other packs, including the Quorn, the Belvoir, and the Whaddon Chase. Since coming to Cambridge he has hunted regularly with the Fitzwilliam, the Cambridgeshire, and the Drag, and manages to put in five days a week. A keen polo player, he is one of the University team, and he generally keeps half-a-dozen ponies, and the same number of hunters at Cambridge. He is fond of most sports and of shooting in particular.



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MR. M. L. HULBERT.

MR. HERBERT CHARLES JONES, J.P. (Huntingdonshire), began hunting with the Thanet Harriers, and followed them for two or three seasons, until he came to Huntingdon in 1884, when he hunted with the Fitzwilliam, and has continued to do so regularly with the exception of a few days with the Oakley, the Old Berkeley, and some Irish hounds. He is a major in the 4th Hunts Volunteers, and formerly held the same rank in the 5th King's Royal Rifles Militia. He is the

son of Mr. Charles Edward Jones, and was born on May 31st, 1857. Educated at Clifton College, he was in both the school cricket and football teams, and also represented them at racquets. He studied science, subsequently became a brewer, and is now senior partner in one of the largest breweries in Huntingdonshire. Mr. Jones is a keen rider to hounds, and of his many good horses two of the best were Jim and Jupiter, the former, an Irishman, carried him for ten seasons, and he has been riding the latter since 1904. He is a keen preserver of foxes, is very fond of shooting and fishing, and is a member of the Bad Boll Fishing Club, Black Forest. He belongs to the Junior Carlton and the Hunts County Clubs.

Like all Australians, Mrs. HERBERT JONES is a born rider, and as she has been accustomed to the saddle since she was four years old, her excellent horsemanship is scarcely to be wondered at.

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In her native country she has had a certain amount of kangaroo hunting, as well as taking part in the rounding up of cattle and sheep. She has herself rounded up over 3,000 sheep at a time.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MRS. H. C. JONES.

In 1891 she first was introduced to the joys of fox-hunting, and followed the Cambridgeshire. The following season she hunted with the Fitzwilliam, and, with the exception of an occasional day's sport with the Oakley, has remained faithful to the Cambridgeshire and the Fitzwilliam. One of her best days with the latter was in 1903. They found at Warboys, ran four and a-half miles in thirty-five minutes, and killed at the back of the Baptist Chapel at Warboys, one other lady and Mrs. Jones being the only two horsewomen in at the death. Jamaica, by Havoc, her favourite mount, is familiar to the followers of the Cambridgeshire and the Fitzwilliam.

Mrs. Herbert Jones is a member of the Huntingdon Golf Club and of the Bad Boll Fishing Club, in the Black Forest; Secretary of the Huntingdon Needlework Guild, and a governor of the Huntingdon Grammar

School. She is a keen tennis player, and for the breeding of Schipperkes has taken two thirds and a second at the Sandy and Cambridge Dog Shows. Her home, The Priory, Huntingdon, stands in the grounds which formerly belonged to the house in which Cromwell was born.

Mr. C. T.
Layton.

MR. CHARLES TEMPLE LAYTON, J.P., of Brampton Grange, Huntingdonshire, was born in Cambridgeshire, in November, 1851. He is the son of Mr. James Temple Layton, of Baldock, and was educated at Rugby. Mr. Layton and his brother followed the Cambridgeshire as boys, and were both very proud of whips which were presented to them by the late Mr. Charles Barnett, who was then Master, for their good riding. He is a successful breeder of hunters. He now chiefly follows the Fitzwilliam, though for the greater part of his life he has hunted with the Cambridgeshire. Miss Norah Layton is also a lover of the chase, and is a well-known figure with the Fitzwilliam, going very straight.



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MR. C. T. LAYTON AND MISS N. LAYTON.

Mr. W. J.
Maxwell.

MR. WILLIAM JAMES MAXWELL, of Willow Hall, Thorney, the son of Mr. John Maxwell, of The Lodge, Thorney, was born in February, 1863. Willow Hall, by the way, besides being historically interesting, possesses an added attraction for hunting and racing men as having been the residence of the celebrated cross-country rider, Mr. Alec Goodman, who, among other triumphs, twice steered the winners of the Grand National in Miss Mowbray and Salamander. Mr. Maxwell took Willow Hall in 1895, and now farms some 1,400 acres of land in the fen country. He has hunted with the Fitzwilliam Hounds since he was eight, with the exception of some six seasons in Yorkshire, when he followed the packs there. Mr. Maxwell has owned some very useful horses, and at one time had some in training under the care of Arthur Gordon, in whose colours they ran. One of

them, Blue Glass by name, won him some useful races at Windsor and Birmingham. His father and sister were both keen lovers of the chase.

Mr. W. J. Maxwell.

Mr. Maxwell, who is interested in most sports, notably shooting, has walked puppies for the Fitzwilliam Hunt for many years, and has won two prizes.

Born in Berkshire, in December, 1873, Mr. ALFRED JOHN PATEN, F.R.G.S., is the son of Mr. John Alfred Paten. Educated at St. Mark's, Windsor, Mr. Paten has travelled much, and there are few countries he has not visited. A student of geography, he is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and has spent a considerable time in South-East Africa.

Mr. A. J. Paten.

In 1897 he accompanied the late Dr. Schlicher on his expedition, the principal object of which was to examine and report on the remains of the ancient cities of Central South-Eastern Africa, their probable age, and the race who built and occupied them. He has, by his writing and lectures, added to our knowledge of that part of the globe.

For the past ten years he has been a member of the Fitzwilliam, his home at Castor, near Peterborough, being ideally situated for following that fine pack, having been the residence of the late Master, Mr. Wright. Although much engaged in commercial pursuits, he usually finds time for two days a week during the season.



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MR. A. J. PATEN.

During his residence abroad he has put in his full share of big-game shooting, and as it has been his custom to choose countries out of the beaten track, sport has been of a varied and interesting description. He is a member of the Royal Societies Club, and lives at The Cedars, Castor, Northamptonshire.

Mr. Percival and his father before him were Secretaries of the Fitzwilliam from the time of a subscription being first taken until the close of the season in 1906.

Mr. J. A. Percival.



THE LATE MR. A. PERCIVAL.

MR. JOHN ANDREW PERCIVAL, son of the late Mr. Andrew Percival, was born in 1847, educated at Uppingham, and St. John's, Cambridge, and has since practised as a solicitor in Peterborough, where he is also Clerk to the Magistrates. As a boy he began following the Fitzwilliam, of which Hunt he is now one of the oldest members, and he has many reminiscences of sport with these famous hounds. At the Annual Puppy Show in 1907 he was presented with a very handsome silver cup upon his retirement from the Secretaryship.



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MR. J. A. PERCIVAL.

A horse, well known in the Hunt as Shaving Brush, on account of the shortness of his tail, was one of his favourite and best-known hunters.

He does not hunt so much now as in former days, but takes his exercise at golf. He lives at Ashfield, Peterborough.

**The Rev. J.
G. Rooper.**

THE REV. J. G. ROOPER, of Abbots Ripton, Huntingdonshire, was born in the year 1852. He started hunting with the Fitzwilliam about 1865, when the Honourable George Fitzwilliam was Master, and George Carter huntsman, J. Hills first whip, and Todd second.

In 1871, George Carter astonished the field in his endeavour to "put down" a young Cambridge undergraduate by jumping an enormous double post and rails, only to be followed successfully by the undergraduate, much to Carter's disgust, who then gave up giving him a lead as a bad job.

Mr. Rooper was absent in the north from 1876 to 1881, but in the latter year returned to Abbots Ripton, where he has since lived. One of his best runs was from Luton, on the day George Carter's son was born and whom he named Luton, after the run. Hounds found at that place and ran very fast to Barnwell Wold, where they killed between the Wold and Barnwell Castle. Another good run was in 1901, when hounds found at Supley and killed near Great Gidding, where out of a large field only twelve were in at the end.

His best horses were Digby, from the Essex Union country; a bay Irish gelding Hepzibah, by Paul Jones—Belle of Hooton, by Stockwell, and an Irish chestnut gelding Jimmy, winner of the Shrublands Maiden Hunters' Steeplechase, Ipswich, 1884.



THE REV. J. G. ROOPER.

**Mr. L. H.
Shedden.**

MR. LINDESAY H. SHEDDEN, son of the late Mr. Lewis William Shedden, was born in 1881, and when he was ten years old began following the New Forest Foxhounds, of which his grandfather, the late Captain William Lindesay Shedden, 17th Lancers, was Master for eleven years, 1842-53. Later on, Mr. Shedden followed the Cottessmore in Mr. Hanbury's time, when Arthur Thatcher was huntsman, and then coming to the Fitzwilliam country, when the pack was under the Joint-Mastership of Mr. Charles Wright and Mr. George Fitzwilliam, has since been a consistent follower of these hounds.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. L. H. SHEDDEN.

He is greatly interested in polo, and manages the Frankfort Polo Club. He "makes" polo ponies, and has won numerous prizes and cups in the Ring as well as for racing and jumping. Romany, by Atlas, 15 hands, won thirteen out of fourteen races; Cee Spring and a grey mare Kismet, who carried him for six seasons, were good hunters. A horse bought from Mr. J. Clark, of Stamford, called Challenger, was a great favourite of his.

The best run in which Mr. Shedden has taken part was one of seventeen and a-half miles in 1 hour 55 minutes, with only one check of four minutes. Hounds met at Covington, and found an outlier in the grass fields. He ran to Kimbolton Station, and then on to Tillbrook, by way of Key Hill, through Kimbolton Woods to Bevis Park, then on to Melchbourne by Shelton to Hargraves, Ramd's Old Meadow, and Keystone, where he was run into in the open.

Mr. Shedden is fond of shooting and yachting; he lives at The Grove, Brampton, Huntingdon.

**Mr. T.
Stokes.**

MR. THOMAS STOKES, of Warmington, Oundle, born in 1841, and son of Mr. Edward Stokes, of Bulwick, commenced hunting fifty-five years ago with the Fitzwilliam in Sebright's time. His first meet was at Bedford Purlieus, then a big covert of some 2,000 acres. A large oak tree, formerly marking the centre of the wood, is now outside the covert on the west, which is reduced to about 800 acres.

Mr. Stokes has owned many good animals, one of his best, which he sold to the Duchess of Manchester, being a gelding by Phlegou, mare by Cannon Ball; the mare had been the favourite hunter of the famous Sir Richard Sutton, M.P.M. This horse's own brother won 1st and reserve for championship at Oakham Show the following year as a four-year-old, and was sold to Mr. Chapman, of Cheltenham, for 200 guineas; an own sister to the above, two years older, won first prize for cover hack at the same show.

Mr. T.
Stokes.

Mr. Stokes owns, and has bred many good shorthorns, for which he has won prizes at nearly all the shows in England; one animal may be mentioned as an outstanding winner, namely, Gladys Rose, in 1889, who, when a yearling, was awarded 31 first, 5 second, and 9 champion prizes.

One of the best known of the many hunting farmers in the Fitzwilliam district is Mr. HENRY JOHN TATE. The son of Mr. H. J. Tate, he was born at Holme, Huntingdonshire, January, 1870, and educated at Oundle. After leaving school, he studied farming under his father. His hunting experiences began in boyhood, the Fitzwilliam being the first pack which he followed; he subsequently enlarged the field of operations by following the Cottismore. A tenant of Earl Fitzwilliam, he farms some 380 acres at Sibson Manor, Wansford, Huntingdonshire. A popular man in the district, he is a well-known follower of the Fitzwilliam, and always rides good horses.

Mr. H. J.
Tate.

MR. WALKER, of Longthorpe, Peterborough, farms some 350 acres on the Fitzwilliam Estate and is one of the oldest sporting tenant farmers and supporters of the Hunt. Born in 1840, he began to follow Earl Fitzwilliam's hounds about eight years later, when Sebright and Carter were in harness together. The best of the many horses he has owned and bred were, Mushroom, by Montenard, out of a mare by Stockwell, which won two steeplechases for him in one day at Bedford, with Mr. Henry Warwick in the saddle. He has always been very successful with puppies, and has walked such hounds as Brushwood, Rockwood, Ringwood, and Satellite, all at present in the pack. His neighbour, Mr. Robert Green, who owns a milk walk and takes his puppies with him on his rounds, has been still more successful as to size, bone, and feet, with Harper, Donovan, and Hamlet.



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MR. H. J. TATE.

Mr.
Walker.

The son of Mr. Henry Weigall, D.L., and Lady Rose Weigall, Mr. WILLIAM ERNEST GEORGE ARCHIBALD WEIGALL was born in London in December, 1874. Educated at Wellington and the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, he took the Gold Medal at the latter seat of learning in 1894. He has held various important positions as land agent and is now acting in that capacity to Mr. Leonard H. Brassey, of Apethorpe, Peterborough.

Mr. W. E. G.
A. Weigall.

Beginning to hunt as a boy, his first experiences were with the East Kent. At Cirencester he was Master of the College Beagles, and after leaving there, hunted with Sir Watkin Wynn's, had five seasons with the Grafton, and upon entering the service of Mr. Brassey at Apethorpe Hall commenced to hunt with the Fitzwilliam, which pack he has followed regularly up to date.

A captain in the Army, Mr. Weigall went through the South African Campaign, serving with the Militia.

Hunting is his favourite sport, and cricket among his pastimes.

A member of Boodle's and the Sports Clubs, he resides at Apethorpe, Wansford, Peterborough.

MR. RICHARD WINFREY has lived a most strenuous life, and although his varied career is full of interest, and the stages he has passed through, on his way from the national school to his present

Mr. R.
Winfrey.

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Winfrey.**

position of owner and director of several eastern counties newspapers, and Member of Parliament, afford plenty of incident, it is only with his hunting experiences that we have to do here.

When a boy he used to ride with a pack of harriers in South Lincolnshire in the holidays. In about 1885 he began foxhunting with the Belvoir, keeping his horses at Grantham and Sleaford.

Twelve years later he came to Peterborough, and ever since has hunted regularly with the Fitzwilliam, putting in his two days a week.

He has bred his own horses for many years, and is now riding a colt whose great grand-dam he used to ride in 1868.

One of his best horses at present is Adjutant, which was brought by his brother from Leicestershire, in which country he hunts.

Besides representing South-West Norfolk in the House of Commons, Mr. Winfrey is a member of many public bodies and a J.P. for Norfolk, his summer residence being at Hunstanton-on-Sea.



MR. R. WINFREY.

THE NORWICH STAGHOUNDS.

SPORT in Norfolk owes much to the cavalry regiments stationed at Norwich. The county is well suited for staghunting, as there is not much water, except in the Broads district, and hounds do not hunt near them. The soil is not heavy, even the plough being light ; the fences are fair, but near the Suffolk border they become stiffer. Within ten miles of Norwich the usual fence is a small hedge and a bank with a narrow ditch on each side, and a clever horse makes a double of them ; though, of course, some fly the lot. The country is slightly undulating, and the coverts do not much trouble the staghunters. Scent on the whole lies well ; but the fine well-kept roads are a drawback, as they are sometimes a strong temptation to the stag.

J. Hewitt was huntsman to Mr. Faukes, of Farnley, whose harriers hunted the Hickleton and Mexborough country in Yorkshire. Colonel Mellish was a great man with them, and went well on Lancaster. Mr. Faukes, father of Turner's patron, died in 1818. From 1820 to 1840, Hewitt was with Sir J. Astley, of Melton Constable, Norfolk, who kept staghounds there. His first day out he jumped a twenty-four foot creek by the sea, which, as he tells us, "put him right with Norfolk." Then he made his way over dangerous quicksands between Marston and Wells, and got back just in time to escape the tide. The large crowd present filled his pockets with silver, and thus gave him a regular Hunt Servants' Benefit collection all to himself. The next year at the Great Holkham Sheep Shearing, Mr. Coke, who had been especially to see the place he had jumped, introduced him to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. Hewitt used to give a foxhunting lecture with a horn and a player at the piano to help him. He imitated the hounds giving tongue and described a run from drawing covert to the death with all the huntsman's cries, his "remonstrances" to the hard riders, etc., so that anyone might think he was hunting if he shut his eyes.

Soon after his day, staghunting ceased in Norfolk until 1870, when Mr. Angerstein, of Weeting, started a pack, which he hunted at his own expense. Jack Hickman was his huntsman and remained with his successor, Captain Haughton, of Fundenhall, Norfolk (1877-79). The writer remembers with fond regret for the days that are over, some good runs with this pack in the 1877-78 season, when among the well-known followers there were, Sir Kenneth Kemp, a real light-weight ; the late F. W. Magnay, of Drayton, Secretary, good-tempered, quiet, and always going well ; Robert and James Chamberlin ; Hay Gurney, a very handsome man and quite the beau of the Hunt ; Geoffrey Buxton, whose sons hunt now ; F. Low, the veterinary surgeon ; Captain Keppel ; and Captain Lee Barber, of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, known as "the Shaver."

There was a grand run in the spring of 1878 from Attleborough to Shipdham, past Scoulton Mere, a fifteen-mile point, with only one check in an hour and a-half.

In 1879, Captain Haughton retired, and Mr. C. Hoare, afterwards so famous with the "V.W.H.," succeeded and hunted the hounds at his own expense for a season. He retired in 1880, giving the hounds and deer to the country, and Mr. Barkley, of Palgrave Hall, Diss, hunted them as a subscription pack until 1881. Mr. Barkley was a great performer ; he had the best horses and did justice to them. He established the kennels at Palgrave. A contemporary account of the Hunt speaks of him as well able to hold his own in his difficult and dangerous country. In March, 1880, they met at Eye. Sportsmen came by train from Ipswich, Bury and Norwich. The deer was uncarted near the town, crossed the brook, and ran towards Occold. At first the pace was tremendous and there were many falls. Bearing south, the deer ran through Kenton, Brandiston, and Hoo and on to Easton, the Duke of Hamilton's place ; here the hounds lost some time in the coverts, so that the deer gained too great a lead, and had to be left out, for when they reached Marlesford the scent was bad. The distance covered was nineteen miles from point-to-point. Messrs. E. W. Lake, Pontifex, Fraser, Patteson Betts, Woodward, Read, and Captain Welch were well up throughout.

From 1882-83 the officers of the 14th Hussars hunted the Norfolk Staghounds at their own expense, with Captain Wilson Todd as Master. He afterwards had the Bedale. From 1884-85 Mr. Barkley again took them as a subscription pack and left to command the Mid-Kent Staghounds. Since 1885 they have been hunted, at the expense of each, by the 19th Hussars under Captain Wright (now dead), the 20th Hussars under R. Bellasis, the 7th Dragoon Guards under Colonel Follett, and the 7th Hussars under Colonel R. Lawley. When the latter left Norwich in 1901, they were managed by a Committee as a subscription pack for one season with Tom Smith as huntsman. Afterwards, the Committee had Mr. B. Keppel, of Lexham Hall, for Master for a season, and since then Mr. Jack Cooke, of Broke House.

Among well-known followers within the last twenty-five years we may mention Captain Dewhurst, so famous as a steeplechase rider, Captains Wing, McDougall, McLaren, Wright, Vaughan, and Wormald, Colonels W. Lawley and Follett, and Messrs. Sutton, Unwin, A. Gayford, R. Hudson, and C. Fellowes. Among the ladies are the Honourable Mrs. Dewhurst, Miss Host, Miss Waters, Miss Birkbeck, and Mrs. Mead.

**Mr. J. E.
Cooke**
—present
Master.

The Master of the Norwich Staghounds during the past six seasons, Mr. JOHN E. COOKE, of The Lodge, Brooke, Norwich, has obtained experience of the chase in many countries; at various periods he has hunted with ninety-six different packs, of which, besides his own staghounds, the West Norfolk and York and Ainsty are the principal.

Born in November, 1868, the son of Mr. Charles Evesham Cooke, he was educated at Brecondale, and began hunting on a donkey at the age of eight. An enthusiastic rider of point-to-point races and steeplechases, Mr. Cooke has been successful twenty-three times in the former, but in the latter, although he has ridden several times, the second place has been the best he has attained. His favourite hunter was a horse called The Ward, who carried him for ten seasons.

**Mr. G. D.
Gowing**
—Hon. Sec.

The Honorary Secretary of the Norwich Staghounds is Mr. GEORGE D. GOWING, of White House, Sprowston, Norwich.

Mr. F. Low.

MR. FREDERICK LOW, M.R.C.V.S., is well known as the "Father of the Norwich Staghounds," for besides being one of the oldest members of the Hunt, he has on several occasions of stress and difficulty come to the rescue, and by sheer hard work and determined perseverance prevented an untimely extinction of the pack. That his kindly and successful efforts were appreciated is proved by the handsome silver tea service presented to him a few years ago by the members of the Hunt. He is the son of the late Mr. John Low, and was born in Tottenham, near London, August 8th, 1844. Educated at Dover, he subsequently studied veterinary science, and took his degree at the Camden College. In 1866 he came to Norwich, and commenced his practice and his love of staghunting at the same time. He has owned many good hunters, of which Rocket, with four races to his credit, was the best. He frequently owned a 'chaser or two and won several local hunt races. Two useful animals, Tea Cake, by Kilwarlin, and Vesta, by Tyrant, won several steeplechases and hurdle races for him. He bred the celebrated show pony Maritana, which probably won more prizes than any animal ever shown. He has many cups won by his horses in different ways. He is Chairman of the Norwich Stag Hunt Committee and the Steeplechase Committee connected with the Hunt, and is on many public bodies. He lives at Norwich, and is still as keen on staghunting as ever.



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MR. F. LOW.

THE WEST NORFOLK.

THE county of Norfolk can probably claim the oldest records of any pack in the United Kingdom. At the period of early morning hunting, many quaint entries appear in the ancient records of the county. As far back as 1534, Sir Thomas le Strange, of Hunstanton Hall, was hunting in Norfolk, though the hounds were probably of harrier type. There is in the Muniment Room at Hunstanton Hall a mention of twine purchased for fox nets, but whether for poultry protection or cub catching is not stated.

A few extracts from the above records will best explain these ancient matters :

- 1534. Itm̃ in reward to oñ that brought a hownd the xxiiij daye of marche... .. iiij*l*.
- 1537. Itm̃ in reward the 1st day of July to Coxage for bryngyng of a Copell of Hownds
from M^r Spryngs ijs.
Barley for the Hownds.
- 1538. Corn sold to my brother Hastyngs for his Hunds mete.
Itm̃ Receyved the xiiij day of Marche of my brother Hastyngs for x Combz
barley for his hunds at xvij*l*. the Combe.

In 1539 there is a similar entry for barley, and in 1540 a payment for grinding barley. There is also a quaint entry of payment for a “horse for the houndz.” Further entries of this class are important, as they introduce other names :

- 1541. Itm̃ p^d the vj daye of January to Partington for his coste when he rod to Norwiche
to M^r Southwell's hounds.
- 1537. Itm̃ dd̃ yow the vth daye of february When yow rod to Elmh^m w^t my brother
Hastyng & w^t Mylsent to hunt xxs.
- 1538. Itm̃ p^d the viij day of June for Twyn for yo^r Otter nett x*l*.
- „ Itm̃ delyved to yow the vijth day of July When yow rod oñ hantying to
M^r Wyndhū at Shipdū pke xiijs. iiij*l*.
- „ Itm̃ delyued yow the iiij day of December to pay Bendeseale for yo^{ur} Costs when yow
dyd lye at Elsyng in Sou^r w^t M^r Shreiff & hunted in Swanton pke & Hokeryng .. xj*l*.
- „ Itm̃ p^d to John Siffe the xxiiij daye of Aprill for Twyn for yo^{ur} floxe nette w^t the
breydyng ijs. iiij*l*.

The last entry introduces the mention of the otter—

- 1543. Itm̃ p^d the vjth day of March to Mathew the flemyng for mendyng of yo^{ur} gunnes
& Croshawes & makyng of yo^{ur} Otter Speres vs. ij*l*.

Between 1543 and 1684 there is no record of any Mastership, but Sir Nicholas le Strange (seventh in descent from the above-mentioned Sir Thomas le Strange, the first Master of the Norfolk) was born in 1664, and became fourth baronet of the Hunstanton line. His Mastership continued at least five years, but, as the memorandum refers to no date after 1689, he may have gone on hunting his own hounds during the Mastership of his successor, Mr. Roger Mason, who evidently hunted another pack in the district, at Necton, at the latter end of the seventeenth century—a long, roadless ride of thirty miles from Hunstanton.



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THE WEST NORFOLK (1908)

In 1702, Mr. Mason retired in favour of Sir Robert Walpole, of Houghton, who held the Mastership of the Norfolk during the long period of forty-three years. There is now another historic blank; but, in 1755, Mr. William Mason, of Neeton, and Mr. H. C. Henley, of Sandringham, became Joint-Masters of one side of this extensive country—of which the total extent was about 700 square miles—and, in 1756, Mr. George Townshend (afterwards the Marquess Townshend), of Raynham Hall, took over the other side of the country. In 1773, Mr. Henley retired, apparently leaving Mr. William Mason as sole Master, a position he held until 1807. Mr. Townshend had resigned in 1772, seemingly making way for Mr. William Coke, of Holkham (afterwards first Lord Leicester). The latter is a great figure in hunting history, but, so far as can be gathered, he only held a portion of the country, and his Mastership ended in 1810. Mr. Wilson, of Diddington, succeeded, but between 1772 and 1823 the records are by no means clear. At the latter date Sir Jacob Astley (afterwards first Lord Hastings) became Master of the West Norfolk; but, from 1830 to 1843, hounds were carried by a Committee, with Lord Sondes as Chairman. What happened immediately after 1843 is not recorded, but in 1856, Lord Suffield, of Gunton, re-established the Norfolk Hounds, which he hunted for three seasons. In 1859, Mr. Villebois, of Marham—notes of whom will



GENERAL FOURTH VISCOUNT
(AFTERWARDS MARQUESS) TOWNSHEND.

be found under the "V.W.H."—commenced his six years' Mastership. In 1865, Mr. Anthony Hamond, of Westacre High House, gave high prices for puppies at Mr. Villebois' sale, and hunted part of the country until 1883, the second Lord Hastings hunting the remaining portion, *i.e.*, the Melton Constable side. At his Lordship's resignation, in 1872, the country was re-united for a short period, but, from 1875 to 1877, Mr. Villebois again took over a part.

In 1883, Mr. Algernon Fountaine, a keen sportsman, worked the whole country, sometimes hunting hounds himself the latter part of his Mastership, R. Clayden taking the horn for the first few seasons. He held the Mastership until 1895; he was, however, relieved, in 1889, by Mr. C. D. Seymour of part for three years. From 1895 to 1902, Mr. Seymour was Master of the entire West Norfolk country. At that latter date the Mastership was taken by Mr. Albert Collison, of Mileham Hall, Norfolk, who resigned in 1908, being succeeded by the fifth Earl of Romney.

The West Norfolk has the advantage of no near neighbours to cause hunting jealousies, by practically drawing a neighbour's covert for a fox which has ostensibly been hunted into the covert, but with little or no hound recognition. Its territory lies entirely in Norfolk, and it adjoins no other country, the Suffolk border being ten miles distant. In the district of Fakenham, Swaffham, and East Dereham, there is a good deal of heavy plough, with the advantage of a nice admixture of pasture; but towards King's Lynn there are extensive tracts of gorse and heather, and also much light land, known agriculturally as "turnip land." All this broad area is good going for horses. The heavy woodlands in this district are of considerable advantage to the Hunt, and the banks, ditches, and flying fences are not usually formidable to a riding man.



The family of le Strange, who were the possessors of extensive estates in Shropshire and Norfolk—Knockyn in the former and Hunstanton in the latter county—more especially came into prominence when John le Strange, a lord marcher, third in descent from Roland le Strange, mentioned in 1112, served under King John in Poitou, and between 1233 and 1240 was successively appointed by Henry III. as Constable of the Castles of Montgomery, Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, and

**Le Strange
Family.**

Le Strange Family.

Chester. As a lord marcher, he devoted a long life to defending the Welsh border, and during the rebellion of Simon de Montfort was a staunch loyalist. One of his daughters, Hawise, married Griffin, Prince of Powys, and his younger son, Hamon, fought under Prince Edward, afterwards Edward I., in the Crusade of 1270, and during his stay under Edward's banner took unto himself a wife, in the person of Isabelle d'Ibelin, widow of Hugh II., King of Cyprus.

The descendants of John le Strange were founders of several noble houses, and Sir Thomas le Strange, of Hunstanton, Norfolk, who was born in 1491, was a son of Robert le Strange, sixth in descent from Hamon le Strange, brother of John le Strange, sixth Baron of Knockyn aforesaid. He was esquire of the body to Henry VIII., and attended that king when he went to the Field of the Cloth of Gold in 1520. He was knighted by Henry at Whitehall in 1529, and served as High Sheriff of Norfolk in 1532. He was in attendance upon Anne Boleyn when she was crowned in 1533, her father, Sir Thomas Boleyn, being a Norfolk neighbour. According to Lee, although in July, 1536, he was placed on the Commission to inquire into the revenues of the wealthy Abbey of Walsingham, near his own Norfolk estate, he does not, although a personal friend of the King, appear to have used his influence at Court to secure any church lands.



From a painting by Holbein at Hunstanton Hall.

SIR THOMAS LE STRANGE.

A picture of him, painted by Holbein, hangs at Hunstanton Hall, which we are enabled to reproduce, by the kind permission of the present owner of the property, Mr. Hamon le Strange. There is also a pencil sketch of him among the Holbein drawings at Windsor.

It is upon record that Sir Thomas le Strange had a pack of hounds in West Norfolk from 1531 to 1540, but a minute search of the records fails to establish with any certainty the nature of the quarry hunted.

An intimate friend of the Boleyns, he was instrumental, according to tradition, in obtaining for George Boleyn the Mastership of that privy pack of buckhounds kept by Henry which were such a thorn in the side of the De Brocas family, who, as hereditary Masters of the State Pack, felt that their privileges were being entrenched upon (as recorded in the History of Stag-hunting in another volume of this work). The sport in which Sir Thomas le Strange participated would seem to have been identical with that enjoyed by Henry VIII.—game being driven into a walled space and slaughtered, a diversion being caused by coursing deer with deerhounds.

Mr. le Strange, moreover, furnishes us with the following extract from *Short Notes for my Son's Profit*, by Sir Nicholas L'Estrange, fourth Baronet. [Written about 1700–10]:

"I still kept my hounds, and hunted sometimes in my own
 " feilds when Leisure best serv'd, my time beginning to be more
 " employed in country business, haveing my great Farm at Headiam
 " and another at Sedgeford, viz., the Lower Hall, both in Hand
 " Appoyntm^{ts} for Hunting and keeping to sett dayes I never cared for,
 " the former brought in all sorts of Company, and the latter is in
 " effect keeping Hounds for other people's diversion, more than y^r
 " owne, yo^r time being thereby bound up, so as you are not Ma^r of
 " y^r own sport wthout y^r inconvenience of Disappoynting, & thereby
 " disobligeing others. Beside my usuall custom was to goe out
 " very early of mornings, whereby I had the advantage of fresh Trayles, & sport enough to return
 " home by Noon." [At that date this was the habitual hunting procedure.]



From a painting by Sir G. Kneller at Hunstanton Hall.

SIR NICHOLAS LE STRANGE.

According to the records, Hamon le Strange, who was enfeoffed at Hunstanton, 3rd Edward II., by his brother John, sixth Lord Strange of Knockyn, was third son of John le Strange, Lord Strange of Knockyn, by Maud his wife, daughter and heiress of Roger Deville, of Warwickshire. Their descendant, Sir Nicholas le Strange, was created a baronet, June 1st, 1629. As far as it is possible to trace, he would seem to have been succeeded in the Mastership of that part of the country now known as the West Norfolk by his sons, Sir Hamon (second baronet) and Sir Nicholas (third baronet), and his grandson, also Sir Nicholas (the fourth baronet). But there appears to be some slight confusion on the point. Although it would seem to be a natural sequence that at the time when the family of le Strange were hunting Norfolk, the stag would be the principal object of chase, it may be assumed that they also hunted the fox. Mr. Southwell says:—“I have been informed that at a time when foxhounds were given up in Norfolk some of the foxes were trapped and sent into Leicestershire, Bedford, etc., and that many of these, having been marked, were again trapped in Norfolk. Some of the Westacre foxes, which, I believe, owe their origin to the continent of America, do not make ‘earths,’ but ascend fir trees, and lie some thirty feet above the ground, on the top branches, all day.” It may be noted that this is somewhat ambiguous, as foxhunting has never, we believe, been entirely discontinued in Norfolk. It has been a game county for many years, of course, and much populated, but it may be safely inferred that the stag, wild cat, and marten shared with the badger and fox the attention of the huntsmen of earlier days. The otter has always been particularly plentiful, and his stronghold, the Broads, still furnishes a happy hunting ground.

**Le Strange
Family.**

Sir Robert Walpole, afterwards first Earl of Orford, was born August 26th, 1676, at Houghton, in Norfolk. His great-great-grandfather, Calicut Walpole, was a younger brother of Edward Walpole, the Jesuit. The grandfather of our subject, Edward, was forward in promoting the restoration of Charles II., for which service he was created Knight of the Bath in 1661. SIR ROBERT WALPOLE was an essentially political factor. Educated, in a proprietary sense, at a school in Norfolk, he went thence to Eton, which, according to Coxe, he left an excellent scholar. The headmaster, the scholarly Newborough, took a great interest in him. He became a King's Scholar at Cambridge.

**Sir R.
Walpole
—Master,
1702-45.**

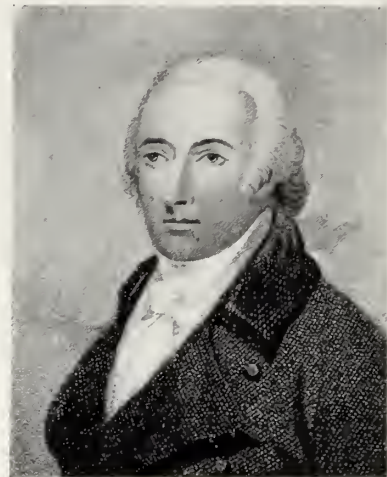
Succeeding to his father's estates in 1700, it would appear that they, although much decreased, consisted at the time of nine manors in Norfolk and one in Suffolk, besides outlying lands, the rent-roll amounting to £2,169 per annum, a not inconsiderable sum in those days. Returned for the borough of Castle Rising, he transferred it to his brother, Horatio, and, becoming member for King's Lynn, he sat for that borough during the remainder of his Parliamentary life. His great political career is known to all students of history, but as a Master of Hounds the records are not so obtainable. Indeed, if one looks at the records, Walpole would appear to have regarded his Mastership of a pack of hounds through a pair of political spectacles. George II., a fine critic of the infirmities of his immediate *entourage*, was not attached to these, and when he went hunting had his critics in the immediate members of his own family. Lord Hervey has put upon record that Walpole immediately encouraged the family schism, and widened the breach by laughing at the pretences of that King to go into the field with the Duke of Cumberland and the Prince of Wales. For that reason, and the inspiration so afforded, the scions of his house went, not to associate with their relative, but rather to criticize him and unpleasantly reflect upon his homely garb and bad mounts. Sir Robert kept hounds at Houghton until the year of his death, in 1745.

One of the most notable names associated with the West Norfolk country is that of Mr. THOMAS WILLIAM COKE, afterwards created Earl of Leicester. A descendant of the famous Sir Edward Coke, he was the eldest son of Robert Wenham, who, upon succeeding to the estates of his maternal uncle, Thomas Coke, Earl of Leicester, assumed the surname and arms of Coke. Born on May 4th, 1752, he was educated at Eton, from whence he travelled on the Continent, after the manner of the upper classes of his day. Much of his time was spent in Rome, where he became known as “the handsome Englishman.”

**Mr. T. W.
Coke
—Master,
1772-1810.**

Mr. T. W.
Coke.

Upon his return to England, when a little over twenty years of age, he joined his brother-in-law, Lord Sherborne, in the management of a pack of hounds kept by that nobleman at Bradwell Grove, now part of the Heythrop country. Shortly afterwards, however, he started another pack in the district, and, upon marrying his cousin, Jane, the youngest daughter of James Lenox Dutton and sister of the first Lord Sherborne, he became Master of both packs. His father died in 1776, when Mr. Coke succeeded to the family estates, and, in 1778, removed the hunting establishment to his seat—Holkham—in Norfolk. He hunted the Norfolk and Suffolk country for seven years, and then, in 1785, extended operations into Essex. This was done at the invitation of Colonel Montague Burgoyne, of Mark Hall, whose Whig politics had endeared him to so pronounced a Whig as Coke. Whether the Colonel had consulted his fellow landowners does not appear clear, but it may be presumed that he did so, as it was a Tory stronghold at the time. Coke had his chief kennels at Holkham, but upon taking over the Essex country he had also one at Castle Hedingham, and eventually a third. This, according to *The Sporting Magazine*, was at Epping, and “The Druid” supports that view, but in the life of Jones, who was huntsman to Mr. Coke at Holkham, the Essex Kennel is stated to have been at Harlow Bush. According to *Scott and Sebright*, Mr. Coke’s hounds hovered between Castle Hedingham, Holkham, and Epping. Of William Jones a writer in *The Sporting Magazine* relates how Mr. Meynell used to say of him—“He is the best huntsman in England—he is a *chef d’œuvre*, and Lord Maynard gave his opinion in the words, ‘Jones is a gentleman huntsman; I would sooner sit in his company than in the company of half the Melton Mowbray gentlemen.’ And,” continues the writer, “my hero in his elegant attitude, with his superior and engaging address, his inherent love of the sport, his pride—his just pride—in the magnificent pack, his own selection, the high discipline attained, the respectful manners and admirable conduct of his two whippers-in (formed by his own tuition), uniting with his own scientific skill and mode of hunting.” Our chronicler then goes on to tell of a splendid run, with the familiar “southerly wind and cloudy sky,” and how at the meeting place—Roydon Park—Jones and his men were in scarlet and caps, with corduroys and boot-tops of mahogany tint, clean and looking like business. The run is too long to be set out in detail, but they ran into him at Canfield Hart, about eighteen miles distant.



MR. T. W. COKE (AFTERWARDS FIRST
EARL OF LEICESTER).

Mr. Coke was considered to be, when young, one of the boldest riders in England. As a shot he had no superior, and the game book at Holkham records that he killed, for a bet, eighty-two partridges in eighty-four shots during a day’s shooting. He died at Longford Hall, Derbyshire, on June 30th, 1812, in his ninety-first year, and was buried in the family mausoleum at Tilleshall Church, Norfolk. A memorial column was erected to his memory, at Holkham, by public subscription.

He refused peerages, both in 1776 and 1806, but was created Earl of Leicester, of Holkham, and Viscount Coke, on August 12th, 1837.

Lord
Hastings
—Master,
1823–30.

JACOB ASTLEY, BARON HASTINGS, and a baronet of England, was eldest son of Sir Jacob Henry Astley, fifth Baronet, by the youngest daughter and co-heiress of Mr. Samuel Browne, of King’s Lynn, Norfolk. He succeeded to large estates in Norfolk and Northumberland on the demise of his father, in 1817, and represented the Western Division of Norfolk, in the Liberal interest, from 1832 to 1837. He and his ancestors, it may be added, had sat for the county of Norfolk in no less than twenty-one Parliaments.

A hearty friend of all field sports on his estates in the Midlands and North of England, he more particularly associated himself with the revival of foxhunting in his Norfolk home. They were hunted by a Committee, he always presiding at the meetings. Of frank, not to say pronouncedly robust, manners, his hospitality was most unrestrained. With a faculty for involving himself in personal adventure, several amusing anecdotes are told of him. One especially should be

recorded. Being in pursuit of a fox upon occasion, he and some of the field were stopped in their progress by a gate. "Open the gate!" said he, to a sturdy farmer near the obstacle. "Shan't!" replied the agriculturist, doggedly. "If you don't," said his Lordship, "I will lay this whip about you!" "So will I my stick about you!" exclaimed his opponent. Without further parley, at it the pair went, no quarter being given or asked. If one had the pen of a Washington Irving, the combat could be related in terms as humorous as those in which the gifted American has chronicled the parlous exploits of the immortal Peter Stuyvesant. Let it suffice to say, however, that after sundry resounding thwacks had been given and received on both sides, the opponents parted with a feeling of mutual respect for the prowess of the other. Next day, the peer sent for the peasant, who boldly entered the presence. "Well," said my Lord, "I didn't much like what you gave me yesterday." "Didn't intend you should," was the reply. More talk followed, the upshot of which was quite in keeping with the character of our subject, who appointed the man from the land to an important post on his estates, which showed not only admiration for pluck, but magnanimity.

Lord Hastings.

Lord Hastings occasionally let the spur of the moment enter too deeply into his actions. Thus, he once committed some persons for taking rabbits upon a piece of land near Holt, in Norfolk, over which it was contended they had certain rights. The County Press took the matter up, the *Norfolk News* being especially strong in its comments on the proceedings. One day an article appeared which he considered particularly offensive. Lord Hastings repaired to the office of the paper, with the intention of whipping the editor, who was afterwards Mayor of Norwich. A wordy warfare ensued. "Why don't you fight, man?" exclaimed his Lordship, at the same time holding up a formidable whip. "Fight?" was the reply; "why, I could get a man to thrash you for these two half-crowns!" An indictment was preferred against his Lordship, which was referred to the Sessions, and, after being adjourned, was "hushed up," in the Pickwickian sense of the words.

A determined opponent of vulpicide, he regarded it as one of the cardinal sins, and once commenced a letter to a gentleman—"Sir, I understand that the other day you shot a fox." Thereupon a tremendous engagement—on paper—ensued, which would be too lengthy to reproduce here, albeit highly diverting to local readers at the time. Most liberal with his purse and influence in the promotion of the interests of foxhunting, his loss to the West Norfolk pack was almost irreparable at the time. A great part of his power lay in the fact that he was always prepared with a stimulating speech at any gathering convened with the sport he loved so well.

Lord Hastings succumbed to an attack of paralysis, at his London residence, on Tuesday, December 27th, 1859, having just entered his sixty-third year. He was succeeded by his eldest son, the Hon. Jacob Delavel Astley.



THE LORD SUFFIELD.

One of the most popular Masters of the West Norfolk, THE LORD SUFFIELD, P.C., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., of Suffield, Norfolk, is descended from Sir William Harbord, first Baronet, K.B., who was created a baronet in 1715. A.D.C. to the King; Lord-in-Waiting to Queen Victoria, 1868-72; Lord of the Bedchamber to the Prince of Wales, afterwards Edward VII., 1872-1901. He was Master of the Buckhounds in 1886, and Lord-in-Waiting to the King, 1901-05. Born at Gunton Park on January 2nd, 1830, he was educated privately, and entered the 7th Hussars in 1847, with which crack regiment he

Lord Suffield—Master, 1856-59.

remained six years, joining the Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry after his retirement. In 1856 he raised a Volunteer Battalion in Norfolk, which he commanded until 1866. He was Chief of the Staff to the Prince of Wales in H.R.H.'s visit to India, 1875-76, and late Superintendent of the Stables. As a boy, Lord Suffield hunted in Dorsetshire.

Becoming Master of the Norfolk Foxhounds in 1856, Lord Suffield, who had previously hunted a pack of staghounds at Gunton, gave all his attention to the requirements of office. Always well

Lord
Suffield.

mounted, he also took care to have the Hunt servants equally well provided. A most dashing rider, Lord Ribblesdale has some pleasant things to say of him in his *The Queen's Hounds*. "Lord Suffield," writes his Lordship, "has the art of galloping like steam between his fences, and yet jumping the place almost from a stand. He thus negotiates the trappiest obstacles with safety and despatch, without upsetting high-couraged and even fractious animals, and (for this is the real point) without giving spectators the faintest impression of sticky 'come-up' sort of riding. This means fine hands." The first time Lord Suffield went out with the Duhallow, a country which, in the opinion of the natives, is only practicable to those brought up within a few miles of Cork, they never could catch him for twenty minutes, a surprised top-sawyer of the Hunt being overheard to thus exhort a friend: "For goodness sake, Mike, ride at that man with the beard!" For some years Lord Suffield lived at Harleston House, Northamptonshire, and became a regular follower of the Pytchley.

When, in 1886, Lord Suffield took the Mastership of the Queen's Hounds, he was still noted for his remarkable pace across a country. He took the cares of office, as he said stag hunting was essentially the busy man's playground, considering that the stag hunter had other occupations, and his Lordship, who was ever a worker, found his days off a treat and an agreeable break. Owing to being a man of many affairs, he resigned his Mastership in 1859.

He has also had considerable experience of sport among the big game of India. St. Lawrence, the celebrated thoroughbred hunter, was his property, and he rode him for twelve seasons, during his Mastership of the Norfolk Foxhounds, and in Northamptonshire.



From a picture in the possession of Mr. W. J. Bower,
Bob Clayden (Huntsman).

Fred. Clayden (Second Whip).

Mr. and Mrs. Hamond.

From a painting by Sam Carter,
Clarence Johnson (First Whip).

THE NORFOLK HOUNDS.

Mr. A.
Hamond,
—Master,
1865-83.

With the resignation of Mr. Villebois, in 1865, who had hunted the West Norfolk country for a decade, it was somewhat difficult to obtain a successor, as the gentleman in question had not only given the greatest satisfaction to hunting men, but been popular in a strictly game-preserving county. Fortunately, Mr. ANTHONY HAMOND came forward. Descended from an old county family, he was born in 1834, his mother being formerly Miss Musters, of Colwick Hall, Nottinghamshire. Educated primarily at Eton, and subsequently at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1855, he was known at the University as a hard rider with the College Drag. Equally well known with the packs in his own county, he was also a noted performer with the gun, and therefore a popular guest at the principal shooting parties.

* Men, horses, dogs, and painter are all of Norfolk.

Engaging John Squires as his huntsman, Mr. Hamond took office in 1865. This state of things continued four seasons, when Mr. Hamond decided upon taking the horn himself, appointing Clayden as his whip. Finding, after three seasons, that carrying the horn entailed a too great tax upon his time, he resigned it to Clayden, who continued to give the greatest satisfaction to followers of the pack for many seasons. A welter-weight riding nearly 17 stone he was, nevertheless, a most difficult man to beat over any country, and managed always to be with his hounds.

Mr. A.
Hamond.

Popular with all classes, the followers of the pack were so gratified by his exertions in their interests that, in May, 1874, upon the occasion of his marriage with Mary Leigh, only daughter of Sir Thomas Hare, Baronet, of Stow Hall, Norfolk, the Hunt presented him with his portrait, by Graves, in commemoration of the happy event.

It was a somewhat singular fact that Mr. Hamond and his two brothers-in-law, Mr. Musters, of Colwick Hall, and Mr. Wickstead, of the Ludlow, all hunted foxhounds at the same time, and that it would have been very difficult to beat the trio throughout the kingdom. He was a good landlord, and kind and genial to all. King Edward VII. was a frequent follower of the Norfolk during his Mastership, which pack, it may be remarked, was bred by Mr. Hamond himself, and judiciously crossed from time to time, chiefly with the Belvoir and Milton.

During his Mastership the country from the coast to East Dereham was extremely well stocked with foxes. He hunted this large area most successfully.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

We have referred to our King as a frequent follower of the West Norfolk when Prince of Wales. It is related, moreover, that he somewhat astonished the field on his first visit to the Pytchley country by his horsemanship. This led to a conversation between the Master (Earl Spencer) and his huntsman, Charles Payne—

H.M.
The King.

“And what do you think of the Prince of Wales?” said the Earl.

“Make a capital King, my lord.”

“I’m glad you think so. And why?”

“Sure to! Sure to do that, my lord=sits so well!”

Thus we see that, in addition to his prowess in the hunting field, genial Charles Payne was “also among the prophets.”

The above anecdote, and the other one as to how a certain truculent farmer, who had an eye to the main chance, once blackmailed our august ruler, are matters of history. As a young man, when at Oxford, he often hunted with Lord Macclesfield’s. The Prince, upon the occasion in question, had been out with the South Oxfordshire. It was a convenient short cut to the various Colleges over the land of the farmer in question. This stand-and-deliver son of the soil waylaid the Prince, who was crossing his land, and demanded that he should pay for his trespass.

“But I am the Prince of Wales.”

“Prince or no Prince, I’ll have a sovereign, though.”

Whereupon the Prince, in the language of Sterne, “put down the dust.”

The relation of such anecdotes, however, hardly indicate the fact that our King hunted not merely for exercise, but that earlier in his life it was almost a passion with him. An assiduous follower of the Royal Buckhounds, he was known to all sound judges as one who rode straight. “Be with them I will!” was his motto, consequently he was usually up when the deer was taken. If the heart had not been in the right place, he could not have so excelled; but we believe he would be the first to acknowledge his indebtedness for the proficiency attained in the saddle to the efforts of Charles Davis, over forty years huntsman to Her late Majesty’s Buckhounds, whose pupil he was. In this connection, it may be noted, that our King took part in an historic run. So usual was it for followers of the Buckhounds to start by rail from Paddington, to participate in the sport, that it seems curious to recall the fact that the Prince, among others, once finished a run there. It was late in the season, the meet had been at Denham Court, and they ran past Pinner to the foot of Harrow Hill. The deer went up right to the top of the hill, passed through

H.M.
The King.

the churchyard, and down the other side, into what were called "Duck Puddle Fields," and thence to Wormwood Scrubs, where the Duc de Chartres had his horse bogged and got a wire fence twisted round his legs. The deer was taken at Paddington Goods Station, and the *entourage* accompanied the Prince to Marlborough House, riding down Westbourne Grove, through Hyde Park, and down Constitution Hill, in hunting dress.

It may be remarked that so proud was Davis of the capabilities of his illustrious pupil that he presented him with a well-beloved horse, named *Comus*. This animal, a particularly clever and sure-footed performer, was among the King's prime favourites for years. As long as he kept a hunting stud he always summoned them to Cumberland Lodge, where at the time he also kennelled the pack of harriers, which had been formerly maintained there by the late Prince Consort. These he afterwards presented to the farmers of the Queen's country, at which period James King was his huntsman, and George Firr his whip.

Lord Ribblesdale, in 1897, writes: "In the good time when H.R.H. hunted frequently with the Queen's Hounds—that is, from about 1864 into the beginning of the seventies—he saw some excellent runs and owned some capital horses." Of the run already mentioned, he adds—"I believe only three really saw the end of that one—Colonel, now Sir, Nigel Kingscote, King (the huntsman), and Mr. Sowter (the well-known Haymarket saddler); but the Prince, Sir Nigel tells me, went at the top of the Hunt, as far as Harrow, when, with the majority of the field, he made a bad turn in the lanes." On this occasion, the horses were sent home by train to Windsor, and the Prince's horse, a very favourite mare named *Firefly*, caught cold and died within a day or two.

"Another run in which His Highness rode hard and well terms which are not always synonymous—and to the end, was from Taplow to St. Albans. Sir Nigel instances another in which the deer was taken near Tring, which must have been a long point, where they had mutton chops and poached eggs so well served that they merited and received very special commendation from the Prince.

"The Prince of Wales and Duke of Connaught always wear scarlet out with the Queen's, and approve of the strictest tenue. Of course it is the counsel of perfection. But it must be remembered that the Queen's field has changed very much during the last thirty or forty years. The loss of the grass country, and the excellent sport shown by Baron Rothschild—a pack like the Queen's without the bondage of a subscription—over a fine country, essentially a riding country, and, in many ways, a staghunting country, have seduced the richer hunting contingent from Slough and Uxbridge to Leighton Buzzard. The field is now chiefly local and resident. Day in, day out, ten to twelve would now be a high average of horses boxed from Paddington, and comparatively few are kept at livery, either at Slough, Windsor, or Ascot. As a matter of fact, most of the London gentlemen who hunt with the Queen's Hounds have stuck to the traditions of the past, and to scarlet."

It must, not, however, be deduced from this that the King, if by no means a five-days a week man (the calls on his time being far too important), devoted all his hunting leisure to the pursuit of the wild or carted deer; the Pychley aforesaid, Quorn, and Vale of Aylesbury, knew him well, as did the Norfolk, and, when a guest of the late Duke of Manchester, was frequently out with the Fitzwilliam.

Writing of his horses, Lord Ribblesdale says: "Some of the best horses were *Firefly*, *Paddy*, *Thornton*, *Rural Dean*, *Q.C.*, *Lockington*, and *Charlie*, and they were all ridden regularly with the staghounds. Though all were well-bred, high-couraged horses, *Thornton*, *Paddy*, and *Firefly* were, perhaps, the special favourites; *Q.C.* was a grey. The Prince was mounted on him by the Duke of Beaufort, when he was staying at Badminton, and liked him so much that he persuaded the Duke to sell him. 'Paddy,' Sir Nigel writes me, 'a chestnut horse, which I bought out of the sale of the Duke of Westminster (then Lord Grosvenor), was, taken all in all, the horse H.R.H. liked most for many years, and once, when staying at Badminton, we had quite a good run over the Doddington Vale, up on the high country towards Badminton. I well remember the Prince riding *Paddy* over a stile, first, that, with horses having come so far and so fast, very few would have looked at.'"

A frequent guest at Badminton, more especially in the eighth Duke's time, when the cares of Royalty were hardly so exacting as now, there existed a friendship between these two grand sportsmen which only death terminated. Eloquent testimony of the respect and veneration entertained for our King by the late Duke is borne, were such required, by his dedication to our illustrious Sovereign in the volume upon "Hunting" in the Badminton Library.

H.M.
The King.

Many a time and oft did the King enjoy sport on Exmoor with the Devon and Somerset, usually, we believe, accompanied by that grand old man, the Rev. "Jack" Russell. Anything like an enumeration of these would demand too much space. One, however, was notable on account of a peculiar incident. The meet was in August, 1879, at Hawkecombe Head. Some 5,000 people were present, many of them raw recruits. After manœuvring carefully, the Master managed to make a run of it, the stag, first heading for the sea, turned back and finished his earthly pilgrimage in Badgworthy Water, when the King administered the *coup de grace*. A "get-news-at-any-price" reporter rushed to the telegraph office, and wired to a leading daily journal:—"Clipping run. Deer taken Badgworthy River. Prince cut his throat 4.30."

Fortunately the chief caught his enterprising sub-editor, who had prepared a contents bill announcing the awful suicide of the heir to the Crown!

JACOB HENRY DELAVEL, SEVENTEENTH BARON HASTINGS, was born May 21st, 1822. Educated at Eton and Oxford, Lord Hastings, upon the death of his father, in 1859, took up his residence at Melton Constable, Norfolk, and devoted himself to the life of a country gentleman. When Lord Suffield resigned the eastern moiety of the county, Mr. Villebois hunted the whole until 1862, but finding it too much for one man, Lord Hastings came forward and generously offered to hunt that part which had seen Lord Suffield's retirement. Thus Melton Constable and foxhunting, which had been associated for many generations, again came in touch. Giving particular attention to his hounds, he and his huntsman, Tom Morgan, got together a pack noted for speed, and able to carry a good head on the heavy ploughs and fair amount of grass which form the country. So ably was the Hunt managed that, at a complimentary dinner given to his Lordship, when Lord Suffield presided over some 150 gentlemen and yeomen, the Chairman thanked Lord Hastings, amidst ringing cheers, for the kindness and great liberality with which he had hunted the country for many years.

Lord
Hastings
—Master,
1862-71.

A Liberal in politics as in hospitality, his truly sporting instinct is perhaps evidenced by an anecdote. He was asked for a subscription towards unseating the Conservative member of the county for bribery. "First past the post, is my motto," replied his Lordship; "and let me recommend all friends to spend their money in some other way than attempting to upset those likely to do good to the county."

Lord Hastings died on March 8th, 1871, and was succeeded by his brother.

For thirteen years, from 1883 to 1895, Mr. FOUNTAINE was Master of the West Norfolk, hunting the whole of the county, which for the previous twenty-five years had been only partially dealt with by Lord Hastings and Mr. Villebois.

Mr. Algernon Charles Fountaine is the eldest son of Captain Charles Fountaine, late of the 52nd Light Infantry. He was educated, or as he prefers to put it himself, he "went" to Eton, and in 1876 married his cousin Mary, daughter of the late Mr. Andrew Fountaine, D.L., J.P., of Narford, Norfolk. Mr. Fountaine is very fond of shooting and has bagged big game in most parts of the world; he is also very keen on fishing, devoted to yachting, and farms about 2,000 acres on his estate.

He is a member of many clubs, including the 'Travellers', Boodle's, Rayleigh, Marlborough, and several yachting clubs; he lives at Narford Hall, Swaffham, Norfolk.



Mr. A. C.
Foun-
taine—
Master,
1883-95.

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MR. A. C. FOUNTAINE.

Mr. A.
Collison
— Master,
1902-08.

Mr. Collison, the late M.P.H., has been a follower of the West Norfolk since his boyhood. He has visited other packs, but with this exception has hunted constantly with the hounds of his county. Mr. ALBERT COLLISON, J.P., is the son of the late Rev. Henry Collison, Rector of East Bilney, where our present subject was born in 1859.



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MR. A. COLLISON.

In 1889, he came to live at Mileham Hall, and, in 1902, accepted the Mastership of the pack, which he held until 1908. On his retirement, he was presented by the sportsmen of Norfolk with a magnificent cup, the many names, headed by His Majesty King Edward VII., in the splendidly bound volume accompanying the presentation, attest to the wide affection and esteem in which he is held by the county.

Of his many good horses, his favourite was Blackthorn. He is a J.P., and a major in the Norfolk Imperial Yeomanry.

In 1882, he married Eugenia, second daughter of Mr. J. M. P. Montagu, of Downe Hall, Dorset. Their daughter inherits her father's love of hunting, and follows the West Norfolk.

Mr. Collison lives at Mileham Hall, Swaffham.

The Earl of
Romney
— present
Master.

The Earldom of Romney was created in 1801, when Lord Charles Marsham, the third Baron Romney, was advanced to the dignities of Viscount Marsham and Earl of Romney. The family derives its surname from the town of Marsham in Norfolk. The Marshams were a power in the county as long ago as the twelfth century. John Marsham was created a baronet in 1663. Another holder of the title in the year 1716, Sir Robert Marsham, was in that year elevated to the Peerage by the title of Baron Romney of Romney. Our subject, THE RIGHT HON. CHARLES MARSHAM, THE FIFTH EARL OF ROMNEY, is the son of the fourth Earl. He was born in 1861, and married, in 1890, Anne, second daughter of the late Sir Edward Scott, of Lytchet Minster, the fifth Baronet. Lord Romney is D.L. for Kent, and J.P. for Norfolk, late major in the 4th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment; he retired in 1903 with the honorary rank of lieutenant-colonel.

When he left Eton he began to hunt with the West Norfolk, and has since followed the Cotswold, the Cheshire, the Essex and Suffolk, the Essex Union, besides many others. He is fond of field sports, and is a good all-round sportsman. In 1908 he accepted the Mastership of the West Norfolk, of which Lady Romney is also a regular follower. Lord Romney lives near the kennels at Gayton Hall, King's Lynn, and at 2, Herbert Crescent, S.W., and is a member of the Carlton.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. THE EARL OF ROMNEY.

Captain
A. S.
Campbell
— Hon. Sec.

Captain Campbell, who has been Joint-Secretary to the West Norfolk Hunt since 1903, and a member of the Hunt Committee from the same date, had his first day's hunting with these hounds five-and-thirty years ago.

CAPTAIN ALEXANDER STRATON CAMPBELL is the son of the late Rev. Straton Campbell, of Weasenham, Swaffham, Norfolk. He was born September 16th, 1868, educated at Haileybury, joined the Norfolk (the 9th) Regiment in 1888, and retired in 1902. When only five years old he went out with the West Norfolk on his pony, Joan, and during the time he was quartered at Norwich, Colchester, and Warley, has been into nearly every field on the line's side, with hounds, from Norwich to within ten miles of the Marble Arch. He once had a private pack of

beagles, which he hunted, from Colchester and Warley, for four years. He has had his fair share of success as a breeder and exhibitor of hunters, hacks, and polo ponies, and has won cups and other prizes at various local shows, as well as at Islington. He has ridden in numerous points-to-points, and played polo, both in this country and in Ireland. Two of his best horses, among many good ones, were Sibyl, who carried him for three seasons, and the thoroughbred, Whitewash, whom he rode for seven. He lives at Weasenham House, Swaffham, Norfolk, where, in addition to horses, he also breeds pedigree Jerseys.

Captain
A. S.
Campbell.

THE REV. HARRY EDWARD BECK, M.A., of Harpley Rectory, Norfolk, the son of Mr. Horace Beck, was born on January 16th, 1855, and educated at Brighton College, in France, and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, taking his B.A. in 1874, and his M.A. three years later. In the latter year he was called to the Bar. He was ordained Deacon in 1878, and two years later became Rector of Harpley, and since 1888 has also been Vicar of Houghton.

The Rev. H.
E. Beck.



THE REV. H. E. BECK.

He first commenced hunting in 1860, and in addition to the West Norfolk has followed many other packs. Of his best horses we must mention a bay horse by Who-Whoop, dam by Tapestry, dam by Vulcan, who carried him for fourteen seasons with only one mistake. Another good one was a roan mare by a hackney out of a thoroughbred mare. His present favourite, which is shown in the illustration, is a 16.2 chestnut, well known in the Midlands.

Mr. Beck, who has been a member of the Hunt Committee since 1873, during Mr. Hamond's Mastership, attributes his knowledge of hunting to a good early training at home, and later to instructions from such adepts as Mr. Villebois, Mr. Anthony Hamond, Major Whyte Melville, the Hon. R. Grimston, and other Masters of the science of venery. He is a keen shot, and has always had good flat-coated retrievers bred and trained by himself. He is also extremely fond of fishing, of which he has had great experience, both salmon and trout, in England, Scotland, and Ireland.

MR. WILLIAM BOWER, M.R.C.V.S., who is by appointment Veterinary Surgeon to His Majesty the King and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, acts in that capacity to the West Norfolk. He is the son of the late William Jary Bower, of East Rudham, Norfolk, and was born on April 3rd, 1846; educated privately, and under the late Professor John Gamgee, of Edinburgh, he obtained the diploma of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1865. He has been a Member of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons since 1895. When seven or eight years old he hunted a small pony with the harriers of the late Rev. Fitzroy. The pack was afterwards owned by Major Hollway and Mr. Merrick Bircham. During both Masterships he regularly hunted with them. He commenced hunting with the West Norfolk Foxhounds when Lord Suffield was Master, and has continued until the last season or two, during which he has been unable to do so, except on occasional days.

Mr. W.
Bower.



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MR. W. BOWER.

Mr. Bower, some few years since, kept hunters, either for sale or hire, owning also many good animals; two of the best were The Coming K. and Emigrant. The latter he sold to the late John Groult, for the King of Italy. He has taken cups for puppy walking; also prizes at different shows for hunters and hacks of his own breeding.

**Mr. W.
Bower.**

Mr. Bower is Veterinary Captain to the King's Own Royal Regiment, Norfolk Yeomanry; is much interested in farming and stockbreeding, and lives at East Rudham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

**Mr. G.
Brereton.**

MR. GEORGE BRERETON, eldest son of the late Mr. George Brereton, of Flitcham Hall, King's Lynn, was born September 28th, 1850. He first began following Mr. Meyrick Bircham's Harriers and afterwards became a member of the West Norfolk; he also hunts with the Norwich Staghounds, the York and Ainsty, the Bedale, and the Duke of Rutland's. Two of his finest hunters were Gamecock, winner of several points-to-points, and Gamehen, also well known in the West Norfolk country. He has bred and exhibited hunters and has scored many wins between the flags. He farms some 900 acres and lives at Flitcham Hall, King's Lynn, where his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather lived before him.



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MR. H. BRERETON.

MR. HERBERT BRERETON, another of the six sons of the late Mr. George Brereton, of Flitcham Hall, Norfolk, was born in June, 1866, and, on finishing his schooling, commenced

farming with his father, who had been Master of a pack of harriers. Mr. Brereton began hunting with the West Norfolk when a boy, and has been a constant follower of these hounds to the present day, though he has hunted in many different countries, including America. The six brothers, all of whom live in Norfolk, are good horsemen and keen sportsmen. The best of Mr. Brereton's horses was My Queen, with whom he has won numerous races. He lives at Weasenham, Norfolk.



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MRS. H. BRERETON.

**Mr. H. E.
Case.**

MR. HERBERT EDWARD CASE, Rural District Councillor and Guardian of North Elmham, Norfolk, is the son of Mr. Edward Case, M.R.C.V.S., of Fakenham, and farmer of 1,800 acres. He was born on June 30th, 1872, and was educated at Paston Grammar School, North Walsham; he afterwards took to farming.



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MR. H. E. CASE.

In 1898, he married Caroline, daughter of the late Mr. George Dixon, of Pudding Norton Hall, Fakenham. He has hunted regularly with the West Norfolk since he first followed them, on his pony, when only eight years old, and was blooded by old Bob Clayden, in the late Mr. Anthony Hamond's time.

Mr. Case has owned some excellent horses, two of the best being the thoroughbred Ewe Lamb, by Seaton, dam by Hesper, who won the East Winch Farmers' Steeplechase, about 1898, and Incandescence, also clean bred, and winner of the same race in 1903.

He sometimes has had a day with Mr. Fernie's, and has done a good deal of point-to-point racing.

He is very fond of shooting and fishing, and is a keen preserver of foxes. He lives at Fox Burrow Farm, Elmham, Norfolk.

MR. GEORGE CRAFER, born July 12th, 1865, is the son of the late Mr. Charles Crafer, of Broter's Hall, Cranworth, Norfolk. He hunts regularly with the West Norfolk, and has had occasional days with the Norwich Staghounds and the Old Dunston Harriers. Three of his finest mounts were Bess, a thoroughbred mare, Transvaal and Mintrock, by Mintrock I.

Mr. G.
Crafer.

He has been a member of the West Norfolk Poultry Fund since 1906, is a breeder of hacks, hunters, shires, and polo ponies, and lives at The Church Farm, Cranworth, Thetford, Norfolk, where he farms some 1,100 acres.

MR. THOMAS BROWNE FRANCIS DANIEL, J.P., son of the late Mr. Thomas William Daniel, J.P., M.A., of Thirgby Hall, Great Yarmouth, was born on April 5th, 1861, and educated privately. In 1891 he married Ethel Marion, second daughter of the late Mr. William Holt, of Great Yarmouth. As a boy of ten he began to follow the Norfolk and Suffolk Harriers, and, later on, the North Norfolk Harriers; from 1883 to 1903 he was a regular attendant of the Norwich Staghounds. When he came to live in West Norfolk, he became a member and, with Mrs. Daniel, is a regular follower of the county packs.

Mr. T. B. F.
Daniel.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. T. B. F. DANIEL.

Two of his best horses were Paddywack, an Irish horse who had carried him for nine seasons, and on whom he has won twice, and been second once, in Hunt Points-to-Points, and Foxhall, a very good hunter, and well known with the North Norfolk Harriers.

Mr. Daniel has won three silver cups for puppy walking, and occasionally enters horses for the various

local steeplechases. He lives at The Woodlands, Gressenhall, Norfolk.

SIR GEORGE RALPH LEIGH HARE, the third Baronet, D.L., J.P., son of the late Sir Thomas Hare, was born in London in March, 1866. He was educated at Eton, and entered the Army through the Norfolk Militia, joining the 2nd Life Guards in 1887. In 1891 he retired and married Lady Florence Mary Constance, daughter of the fourth Earl of Romney, and sister of the present Earl, the Master of the West Norfolk.

Sir G. R. L.
Hare, Bt.

Sir Ralph began hunting with the West Norfolk when a boy, and although he has had his seasons with other hounds in various parts of the kingdom, he is chiefly associated with those of his own county. He is fond of shooting, and for many years had a large forest in Scotland.

He is a member of the Carlton, the Windham, and the Automobile Clubs. He has a small place in Devonshire, and lives at Gressenhall, Norfolk.

MR. MATTHEW WILSON HERVEY, son of the late Mr. John Hervey Hervey, was born at Glasgow, in February, 1855, and educated at Brighton, and King's College, London. Subsequently becoming an engineer, he was chief engineer to the Middlesex Water Works.

Although much attached to the chase, Mr. Hervey was not able to hunt regularly until he came to live at his present residence in 1903. He is fond of most sports and shoots a great deal; Mrs. Hervey is also a lover of hunting and follows the West Norfolk with her husband.

Mr. Hervey is a member of the Whitehall and County Clubs, and lives at East Bilney Hall, near East Dereham, Norfolk.



Mr.
M. W.
Hervey.

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SIR G. R. L. HARE, BART.

Mr. W.
Goodwyn.

Of late years a regular follower of the West Norfolk, Mr. Goodwyn in former days hunted with many different packs, among them being the Suffolk Staghounds, the Norfolk, the Essex Union, Lord Petre's Staghounds, Mr. Fernie's, the Pytchley, the Woodland Pytchley, the Warwickshire, the Quorn, and the Cottesmore. Mr. William Goodwyn, the son of the late Mr. Samuel Chapman Goodwyn, was born on July 23rd, 1848, near Halesworth, in Suffolk; he was educated at Beeches Grammar School, and then joined his father in farming.



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MR. W. AND MISS GOODWYN.

The first pack with which he hunted as a boy was the North Norfolk Harriers. In 1874 he came to

live in Norfolk, where he has always been accustomed to breed, make, and sell hunters, of which one of the best was Curacao, who won four races in one year. He is a fine horseman, and had the honour of riding Reliance for His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, in the West Norfolk Hunt Club Steeplechases, in 1889, on whom he won two races; for this His Royal Highness presented him with a silver cup, of which we give an illustration, bearing the following inscriptions:—

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES
b. g. RELIANCE,
Winner of the Norfolk Stakes,
weight 14 stone,
and of the County Stakes,
weight 12 stone 7 lbs.
RIDDEN BY MR. WM. GOODWYN
in both races.



From
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES
to
MR. WM. GOODWYN,
of Tower Farm, Middleton,
In commemoration
of the
West Norfolk Hunt Club Steeplechases,
April 15th 1889.

Mr. Goodwyn is a good all-round sportsman, and his sons and daughters, who are all keen riders to hounds, take after him. He lives at The Hall Farm, East Winch, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Mr., Mrs.,
and Miss N.
Hudson.

Mr., Mrs., and Miss NORA HUDSON are all well-known and familiar figures with the West Norfolk Hounds. Mrs. Hudson has also gained fame for her breeding of working wire-haired fox terriers. Mr. Robert Hudson is the son of the late Mr. Robert Hudson, of Beck Hall, and married, in 1893, Olive Mand, third daughter of Mr. Horace Waters, of Kempston, Norfolk. Mr. Hudson began hunting, as a boy, with Lord Hastings' Hounds, which he followed for seven seasons. He then hunted with the West Norfolk, with which he has since been a regular attendant. He has also had occasional days with the Norwich Staghounds, the Cottesmore, the Old Berkshire, the South Berks, the Southdown, and the South Devon.

Two of his best hunters were Shamrock, who jumped a six-foot post and rails, and Hawk Eye, the best stayer he ever rode. He breeds and exhibits shires successfully, winning prizes all over England. Apart from hunting, the making of hunters,



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. R. HUDSON.

cricket, shooting, and a day with the Essex Otterhounds, are his principal pastimes. He lives at Beck Hall, Elmham, S.O., Norfolk.

Mr., Mrs.,
and Miss N.
Hudson.

Mr. JOHN PETER HUDSON, Vice-Chairman Mitford and Lamditch Board of Guardians, son of the late Mr. Robert Hudson, of Beck Hall, Billingford, was born on August 11th, 1858. He first began following the West Norfolk during Mr. Anthony Hamond's Mastership. Major, who carried him for ten seasons, and his present Jerry he considers the best hunters he has owned. He is also a breeder of thoroughbreds; two of the best known are Symmachus, winner of a £500 race at Lingfield Park in 1908, and Offside, by Sidus. Mr. Hudson is a keen preserver of foxes, a member of the Farmers' Club, and lives at The Lodge, Billingford, Elmham, Norfolk.

Mr. J. P.
Hudson.

Mr. Jee is an all-round sportsman, who, in addition to hunting, has done his fair share of point-to-point and steeplechase riding. When at Trinity College he played polo and rowed in his college eight in 1879, and in 1894 played cricket for the Norfolk County Eleven. He is also keen on shooting and fishing, and any outdoor sport that comes his way.

Mr. A. M.
Jee.

Mr. ALFRED MORLAND JEE, the son of the late Mr. Alfred Stanistreet Jee, C.E., of Liverpool, was born on September 2nd, 1859. His first remembrances of hounds date from his boyhood, when he went out with the Crawley and Horsham and the Worthing Harriers, at the early age of seven years. He continued to hunt with these packs until he went to school at Worthing, and on going up to Cambridge, followed the Cambridgeshire and the Fitzwilliam. He afterwards lived at Beverley, and then followed the Holderness, eventually becoming a member of the West Norfolk on taking up residence at Raynham, in 1884. During the seasons 1888-91, he whipped-in to Mr. Seymour's



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. A. M. JEE.

Foxhounds, and since 1900 has officiated as Honorary Secretary to the West Norfolk Hunt Club.

His two best hunters were Sepoy, by Roman Bee, who twice won the West Norfolk Light-Weight Steeplechase and the Heavy-Weight once, and his grey mare Patch, by Grandmaster, who was well known in the Holderness and his own country.

Mr. Jee is a member of the Junior Constitutional Club, and lives at Colekirk House, Colekirk, Fakenham, Norfolk.



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MR. B. W. A. KEPPEL.

Mr. BERTRAM WILLIAM ARNOLD KEPPEL, the eldest son of the late Colonel William Henry Augustus Keppel, of Lexham Hall, Norfolk, D.L., J.P., was born in January, 1876, and succeeded to the family estate in 1889. He was educated at Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford, and in 1898 married the Honourable Alice Hanbury-Tracy, fourth daughter of the fourth Baron Sudeley. He began following the West Norfolk, of which he is now one of the principal members, in his early boyhood.

Mr. B. W.
A. Keppel.

As an undergraduate he was a Master of Beagles, as well as being a regular follower of the Bicester and the Heythrop, and on leaving the University hunted with many packs, including the Oakley and the Fitzwilliam. Of his numerous good hunters and chasers, Oakham, Oedipus, Funny Wag, and Old Joe were among the best. He has ridden in many point-to-point and hurdle races, meeting with considerable success. In 1902-03 he was

**Mr. B. W.
A. Keppel.**

Master of the Norwich Staghounds. He is fond of shooting, fishing, cricket, and is a captain in the Norfolk Yeomanry, in which he is deeply interested.

Mrs. Keppel, who is a good horsewoman, is a keen follower of the chase, and still has her little pony on which she learnt to ride as a child.

Mr. Keppel is a member of the Bachelors' and County Clubs, and lives at Lexham Hall, Norfolk.

**Mr. G. W.
Overman.**

Born in June, 1868, Mr. GILBERT W. OVERMAN, son of the late Mr. Welman Overman, has followed the West Norfolk Hounds since he was a boy of eight. He lives at the Manor House, Weasenham, St. Peter, where he farms some 3,000 acres and is a successful breeder and exhibitor of hunters and Oxford Down sheep, winning many cups and prizes.

**Mr. C.
Pearse.**

MR. CHARLES PEARSE, the son of Mr. Charles Pearse, of Carlton Colville, Suffolk, won with Oedipus the first cup presented by His Majesty King Edward VII. to the West Norfolk Hunt Club, in 1901, as illustrated. He was born on Christmas Eve, 1867, and educated at Bedford, and Christ's College, Cambridge.

His first hunting, as a boy, was with the Henham Harriers, and he has since then hunted with the West



Norfolk, though he has pursued many sports in different lands, and the fine array of heads from the Rockies bear witness to his prowess as a marksman. He breeds most of his own hunters and a few thoroughbreds. Flycatcher, his best home-bred horse, won four firsts and two specials in the show ring, and was afterwards bought by Mr. J. H. Stokes. He was in his college boat at Cambridge; he plays cricket, football, and golf, and takes part in any outdoor sport that is going.



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. C. PEARSE.

He lived at East Dereham previous to 1900, when he rebuilt a very old hall, known as Gorgate Hall, East Dereham, where he now lives.

**Dr. A. W.
Thomas.**

DR. AUGUSTUS WILLIAM THOMAS, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., of Swaffham, born August 30th, 1858, is the son of the late Mr. Frederic John Thomas, M.R.C.S., and was educated at University College, London, taking his degree in 1882. He married Fanny Laura, youngest daughter of the late Mr. William Glyn (Clerk of the House of Commons).

He commenced his hunting with the West Norfolk Foxhounds as a lad of eight years of age, and has visited also the Oakley, the Hambleton, the "H.H.," and the Norwich Staghounds. He has been a breeder of hunters, and has taken many prizes at the various local shows. Sally Scrags, by Little Jim, whom he hunted over eight seasons, was his own breeding, and the Sirdar, 16.2, an Irish horse whom he has ridden since 1902, are two of his favourites. He has been a member of the West Norfolk Hunt Club since 1884.

**The Rev.
H. W.
Turner.**

THE REV. HENRY WHITELOCK TURNER, M.A., born on August 31st, 1851, is the son of the late Rev. John Bowman Turner, M.A., of Barford, Norfolk. He was educated at the Fauconberg School, Beccles, and at Caius College, Cambridge, took his degree, and married Blanche Beatrice, fourth daughter of Mr. J. B. Coaks, J.P., D.L., of Fern Hill, Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich, in 1887.

As a lad of eight years of age he followed the late Sir Edward Stracey's Harriers, afterwards with Mr. Charles Race's Harriers, and Mr. Robert Fellows' Harriers. Subsequently he commenced

stag-hunting with the late Mr. William Augerstein, and at the same period became a follower of the West Norfolk Foxhounds, about the year 1870. He has had occasional days with the Dartmoor, the late Sir Wilfred Lawson's pack, in Cumberland, and during his University days with the Cambridgeshire, the Cambridge Drags, and the Fitzwilliam. In 1896 he convened a meeting at Downham, which was the starting of the Downham Harriers. He provided seventeen couples of hounds, and under his supervision the pack greatly improved; it now consists of twenty couples of stud book harriers, all bred from the best blood.

The Rev. H. W. Turner.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. REV. H. W. TURNER.

puppies is the holder of many prizes. He is a breeder of Labrador retrievers, and, since 1867, of brown retrievers; he still has a brown retriever of the original strain. He is a member of the Norfolk County Club, and since the year 1871 has belonged to the M.C.C. In 1876 he, jointly with Mr. Henry Birbeck, became Secretary to the Norfolk County Club, which was revived in that year, after having been dormant for eight years; he continued as Joint-Secretary for five years.

Mrs. Turner is a well-known figure with the West Norfolk Hounds, and her son, Mr. A. Whitelock Turner, is also a very keen sportsman. Mr. Turner lives at North Runcton Rectory, King's Lynn.

MR. WILLIAM VINCENT was born on September 9th, 1873, at Whinburgh, near East Dereham, Norfolk, where he is still living. He was educated at King's



Mr. W. Vincent.

Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. W. VINCENT.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. C. G. WOOD.

Lynn, and then followed farming, and especially horse-breeding. He has been a life-long attendant with the West Norfolk since boyhood, but has visited many packs at various times. Since he was eighteen years old, he has owned 'chasers, and has always had some in training. Perhaps the best of many useful horses was Norseman II., winner of many races. Old Spode and Gallant Boy were two of his favourite hunters, and winners of many races, including points-to-points. Hunting is Mr. Vincent's greatest sport. He is a first-class rider, and is a keen yeoman, being one of the first to volunteer for service in the South African War; he is now serving in the King's Own Norfolk Yeomanry.

MR. CHARLES GEORGE WOOD, son of the late Mr. William George Wood, of Morston, Norfolk, was born on March 20th, 1861, educated at the Norfolk County School, and, in 1888, married Annie Mary, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Smith, of

Mr. C. G. Wood.

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Great Ryburgh. As a child of six, he can remember going out with Lord Hastings' Hounds at Melton Constable, and for the following ten years he hunted with the Gunthorpe Harriers. In 1889, he came to live at Dillington Hall, and has ever since been a regular follower of the West Norfolk, besides sometimes having a day with the Norwich Staghounds. He has ridden in numerous point-to-point races, and at one time used to breed Norfolk hackneys. Two of his best horses were Skyscraper, by Little Jim, who carried him for ten seasons, and The Sweep, by Excelsior.

He is the holder of three English running records, standing since 1887, and is the English Quarter-mile Champion of 1886-87. In 1887 he was the English representative sent to America to compete in the American and Canadian Championships. He is a member of the London Athletic Club and the Blackheath Harriers, besides being a shareholder in the National Sporting Club and the London Farmers' Club. He lives at Dillington Hall, East Dereham, Norfolk.

THE SUFFOLK.

AMONGST the most honoured names that have shed their lustre on the Turf and the Hunting Field are the originators of the Suffolk Hunt. Towards the close of the seventeenth century the Dukes of Grafton successively maintained a pack of foxhounds at Euston Park, and hunted the country in the immediate vicinity, with practically unlimited boundaries. Several other private packs were also in existence at the same period.

The second and third Dukes of Grafton hunted in Suffolk at the same time as in the Grafton country, under which Hunt in another volume of this work further reference to them will be found. In 1745 the third Duke's hounds were brought prominently into notice by their celebrated "Euston Run." In December of that year they found at Euston Park, at 9.30 a.m., and hunted steadily all through the day; it is alleged that they covered nearly sixty miles, running through twenty-eight different parishes, and killing in the dusk, at 4.30 in the afternoon, close by the "Shepherd and Dog" public-house, near One House.

On one occasion the third Duke, during a fast run, was thrown from his horse and fell into a ditch. A hard-riding curate, being close behind, called out, "Lie still, your Grace, and I'll clear you," leapt over the prostrate Duke, and galloped on with the hounds without looking back. It is related that the Duke was so pleased with the unconventional conduct displayed by the curate, that he presented him with the first good living he had vacant.

Another celebrated man who hunted with the hounds at this period was Sir Charles Bunbury, of racing fame.

Some few years later, one, Sir Charles Dayers, was M.F.H., ruling over the destinies of the Suffolk country about the year 1785, and was followed by his son in 1796. Just prior to the latter Master's reign, the country was apparently divided, and a fresh pack started, by a certain Mr. Thomas Panton, which he called "The Thurlow," and which was kennelled at Newmarket and hunted the present Newmarket and Thurlow country.

Among others who ruled over the Suffolk at various times was Squire Osbaldeston, who probably re-united the Suffolk and Thurlow Hunts for a short time, as his country embraced Thurlow on the west, and Ickworth Park, close to Bury, which is in the centre of the Suffolk Hunt. He hunted the Pytchley and the Suffolk, alternate days apparently, for the period 1826-34. During this time, at least, two other packs were in existence.

Mr. Mure subsequently took over the entire charge of the Suffolk country, and was, at any rate hunting one side of it (Stowmarket district) in 1825. He kennelled hounds at Rushbrooke, and subsequently at Herringswell. Stables were used at Fornham for the purpose for a few nights, when they hunted round that district. He had Will Rose as huntsman and Sam Hibbs as whip, the latter holding that post for seventeen seasons before being promoted.

In addition to Mr. Mure's and Squire Osbaldeston's packs, Mr. Charles Newman kept a pack at Coggeshall, and, though that was quite out of the country, he apparently used to draw old Boxstead Park, for a run is recorded from there covering sixteen miles, killing at Gedding Hall. Mr. Mure's hounds also showed good sport, and during his control the foxes were notorious for their "stoutness"—one run being from Pakenham Fen almost into Colchester, where, scent failing, they had to give up. In 1845, Mr. Mure retired, and was succeeded by Mr. John Josselyn,



CHARLES FITZROY, DUKE OF GRAFTON.



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THE SUFFOLK (1908).

who promoted Sam Hibbs to be huntsman, a position he filled until his death, and put Will Jarvis in as whip. With an extraordinarily popular Master, it is not to be wondered at that foxes increased, and good sport and good fellowship went hand in hand. Blank days were seldom, and if they did not kill many brace of foxes in the year, in a country where much sandy and light soil exists, and where it becomes almost impossible to thoroughly "stop out" successfully, nevertheless, they had scarcely a day when some really good thing was not recorded. One run took place in February, 1846, when they found at "The Lawn," and killed at Weston Colville, an eighteen-mile point, whilst another occurred from Shadwell to Stanton Low Wood, a nine-mile point, killing in forty minutes.

It was during Mr. Josselyn's last tenure of Mastership that the Hunt Races were started. The first "Red Coat" Race took place at Moulton, when the then Mr. Hugh Lowther brought down a horse called Quirk, and, winning "hands down," beat the favourite, Dr. Dougal's brown gelding easily amongst a large field. Mr. Ord, who was subsequently Master, carried on the onerous duties of Secretary to the Hunt, and the subscriptions to the pack amounted to some £700 per annum only, the Master finding the rest.

Amongst other important members, men who were all well known, were the following: James Blake and Colonel George Blake, his son, of Thurston Hall; Messrs. Harvey Oakes and Charles Tuffnell Oakes; the three Messrs. and two Misses Huddleston; Kersey Cooper; William Harvey and his son; George Anthony Partridge; William Mallow; Horace Walpole, of Beyton; Mr. Jardine, of Clare; Sir Thomas Thornhill, of Pakenham; Rev. G. Rowlinson; William Orbell; Sir Charles Clifford; Colonel A. H. Josselyn; H. Gaze Blake; Robert Fuller; James Gardiner, of Newmarket; Edwin Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., now eighty-two years of age, and one of the last survivors of these days; and Mr. Crask Roper, who relates his experience of a famous run, where they found at Hilsham Wood, and ran to Drinkstone, where Mr. Roper lived and farmed. He had a big pulling roan mare, up to much weight, and, being short of horses this particular day, had sent her to take her place in the plough. Just at dinner time, when the teams were returning to "bait," hounds hove in sight. He whipped off the collar and breechings, and hopping on to the old mare's bare back, joined in the chase, which took them to Woolpits and, through Ashfield, to Westhall Wood, where they killed. The old roan mare and its rider were well up in the van.

Sam Hibbs used to ride a wonderful chestnut horse, Cock Tail, so called from an injury to its tail, which is plainly visible in the picture of Mr. J. Josselyn, Sam Hibbs, and Will Jarvis, with their hounds (from left to right) Champion, Pleader, Ajax, Gallant, Bachelor, Aimwell, Lounger, Bellman, Rifleman, Trounder, Orpheus, Pilgrim, Relish, Desperate, Guider, Fugleman, Factor, Governess, and Charity, taken at a meet at Euston Hall, which we reproduce. This horse, which he rode for thirteen seasons, only gave him one fall, and had been fired twice "all round," an almost unheard-of thing. Sam Hibbs fell off



From a painting (1865).

MR. JOHN JOSSELYN AND HOUNDS.

this horse in a fit, and died just as hounds were killing their fox at Whepstead, the other side of Plumpton Wood, on February 16th, 1864. His funeral was a sight that will always be remembered. The whole of the Suffolk Hunt, mounted in pink, black, and nondescript hunting costumes, attended; whilst the old chestnut was led immediately behind the coffin, with saddle, horn, and boots reversed. Thus passed away one of the most famous and beloved huntsmen the Suffolk Hounds ever had. The country at this time was hunted three days a week, and included the

present Newmarket and Thurlow. The kennel chiefly relied on strong drafts from Burton, Fitzwilliam, South Oxon, and Mr. Foljambe's packs, breeding never having been a success.

After Sam Hibbs' death, Mr. Josselyn gave up the hounds, and a Committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, took them over: Messrs. Huddleston, Ord, G. Partridge, and Colonel Josselyn; Mr. Ord was Field-Master. Will Jarvis became huntsman in Hibbs' place, a post he filled from the latter's death until the end of the season; T. Smith became whip, C. Hibbs having acted in the latter capacity for a season before. The Secretaryship now devolved on Mr. G. Partridge, who, like his predecessors, carried it on for many years. Kennels, being lent by Mr. Josselyn, remained as before at St. Edmund's Hill.

Mr. Ord kept on for three seasons. Two separate packs were kept—dog and bitch—dogs standing 24 inches and bitches 21½ inches, the latter, as usual, accounting for most of the blood. Fields used to average about fifty; the kennel consisted of forty-five couples.

In 1867, Mr. Ord retired, and Mr. Josselyn, for the second time, undertook the duties of Master, to the delight of all concerned. Jarvis, leaving the country, was replaced by Jeffries as huntsman, whilst Tom Enever, who had previously been with the Puckeridge, Badsworth, and Lord Rendlesham's, came on as first whip. Jeffries remained only a short time, and gave way to Wilson, he in turn being succeeded by Ben Morgan, who carried the horn until the resignation of Mr. Josselyn in 1871.

In the same year, Mr. Edward Greene became Master, jointly with Mr. E. Walter Greene (now Sir E. Greene, Baronet), the latter carrying the horn, with Tom Enever as first whip and kennel huntsman, and R. Simmonds as second whip. Kennels were then erected by the Master at Westgate House, Bury.

In 1875, Mr. Josselyn again stepped into the breach for the third time, retaining Tom Enever and Bob Simmonds as his Hunt staff, moving hounds once more to St. Edmund's Hill. By now Mr. Josselyn had developed into a welter weight of 20 stone, but although never a hard rider, was seen at his best when mounted, either on his chestnut, or on the well-known black cob, and at the finish was always there or thereabouts. The hounds at this time belonged to Mr. Greene, who, after Mr. Josselyn's first season, sold them, the latter forming a fresh pack; the same kennels practically being resorted to as heretofore.

Amongst other good runs to be chronicled at this time was after a meet at Brentley Hall, finding at Weston Colville, close to the Mill, they ran to West Milton, then right-handed to Westley Wood, through Brinckley to Dellingham, on to Marmions and Boxfield, to Ditton Park, where he tried the "earths" in vain, then on to Lucy Wood, and back to Ditton Park. The pace up to this was extremely fast. They then went away for Pickmore Wood and Stetchworth to Devil's Ditch, the fox going to ground just in front of hounds, and saving his brush by a few yards only. Time, 1 hour 50 minutes, over a nine-mile point, but, as hounds ran, nearly fifteen miles.

On December 1st, 1877, they had a "red-letter" day, finding three good foxes, and getting a "real good thing" with each, finishing up with a kill, after 1 hour 20 minutes, with a burning scent. The chestnut horse on which one of the whips was riding dropped dead in the road on its way home. January 5th of the same season is recorded as one of the best runs seen in Suffolk for thirty years. Meeting at Whepstead, and finding in "Sparrow Grove," running through Brockley and Somerton, they killed at Stansfield, in the middle of a plough, over fourteen miles of country, very fast, in 1 hour 26 minutes. They finished this season with a record of ten brace killed, and eight brace run to ground—not a high total, but foxes in this country take a lot of killing. Runs, as a rule, have covered a big stretch of country, and although for plough it carries a wonderfully good scent, the patchy spots occur where it absolutely fails.

In 1880, Sir E. Walter Greene took over hounds after Mr. Josselyn retired, hunting them himself, with T. Enever as kennel huntsman, and Jim Jones and Frost, in succession, to turn hounds. In 1883, after three seasons, Mr. Edward Brown succeeded to the Mastership. The pack was again divided into Suffolk and Newmarket and Thurlow, Mr. Brown hunting the Suffolk, twice a week instead of three days, and Mr. Jesse Coope becoming Master of the resuscitated Newmarket and Thurlow. In 1886, Mr. King became Joint-Master with Mr. Brown, the former carrying the horn, and having Tom Enever and Bill East to whip-in to him.

In 1889, Mr. Brown retired, leaving Mr. King to carry on in sole charge, which he did until 1892, being then followed by Mr. A. J. Chalmers, who sometime hunted a pack of harriers over the Felixstowe and Walton country, and who now undertook to carry the horn himself.

In 1891, after two seasons, Mr. Chalmers retired, and Mr. Phil Barthropp became Master, who not only hunted the Suffolk two days a week, but also hunted the Berks and Bucks Harriers a similar number of days, going backwards and forwards. (Further notes of Mr. Barthropp will be found under the Essex and Suffolk Hunt.) He was a fine huntsman, and showed good sport during his four years' tenure of office in the Suffolk country. He retained Bill Last as second whip, whilst Babbage acted as first. In 1898, Mr. Eugene Wells, of Buxhall Vale, took over hounds, Carpenter succeeding Babbage, and Last remaining. He carried on with great success for four seasons, until 1902, when Mr. Riley-Smith relieved him of the post, Tom Enever returning from the Tamton Vale, and becoming first whip and kennel huntsman. In 1906, Mr. Guy Everard, who had previously hunted the Bexhill Harriers, became Master, hunting hounds himself. In 1908, Mr. Riley-Smith and Mr. Wilfred Bevan became Joint-Masters, starting a fresh pack by purchasing all the dog hounds of the Burton, and buying drafts from the Atherstone and other well-known establishments, including the Woodland Pytchley, bringing in Bell as huntsman, from the Burton, and retaining Last as whip.

Mr. Riley-Smith had one very long run in his first season. They found at Finborough and killed near Stowmarket, after four hours' patient hunting, which, owing to the floods being out, prevented the fox making a good point, consequently running in big rings. One of his best runs was when, meeting at Thorn Court, March 24th, 1906, they found at Queech Wood, Coldham, and ran up to Bradfield Hall, where they crossed the railway, going *viâ* Hedge Wood and Bradfield St. Clare. Re-crossing the line, they came away, right-handed, over to Cockfield, over the Bury and Melford Road, in a blinding sleet and snowstorm, by Saxe's Grove, Frithey Wood, and killed at Hemingfield Farm, 1 hour 50 minutes most of it very fast, the Master and Mrs. Riley-Smith and Hunt servants, Mrs. Trafford Rawson, Miss A. Bowen, Miss Johnston, Messrs. Tollemache, White, Claughton, Beever, Wilson, Osborne, P. Brown, Rolfe, Hudson, and a few others, being present.

Directly descended from the Mures of Caldwell, Mr. GEORGE MURE was more immediately a descendant of that Sir Reginald Mure, or More, who was Chamberlain of Scotland in the first year of the reign of David II., 1329. At various periods the name has been written More, Mure, Muir, and Moor, but the two chief houses of the name in Scotland, Muir of Ronallan and Muir of Caldwell, had their arms emblazoned in *Scottish Heraldry* by Sir David Lindsay (Lord Lyon) about the year 1540. Our subject, Mr. George Mure, of Herringswell Hoo, Mildenhall, Suffolk, was born on June 11th, 1797. Gazetted to the Grenadier Guards, he served at Waterloo, and succeeded his cousin, Samuel Mure, to the family estates in Suffolk on December 21st, 1836. After quitting the Service he took to hunting in his native county and Essex.

**Mr. G.
Mure
—Master,
1827-45.**

Mr. Mure died at his seat, Herringswell Hoo aforesaid, on March 16th, 1868.

Coming of a good old Suffolk stock, Mr. JOHN JOSSELYN, son of Mr. John Josselyn, of Sproughton, Suffolk, was born in 1816, and educated privately, and at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. A magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant for his native county, he served as High Sheriff in 1855. He married, in 1841, Mary, daughter of the Rev. Henry Bishop, Vicar of Ardleigh, Essex.

**Mr. J.
Josselyn
—Master,
1845-64;
1867-71;
and
1875-80.**

A typical English gentleman living upon his own estate, St. Edmund's Hill, Bury St. Edmund's, he devoted his leisure to all the better kinds of sport; it is with his Mastership of the Suffolk Foxhounds we have, however, to deal. It has been said that his first season was one of his best, albeit the pack he had formed were all draft animals. A notable run is recorded as having taken place in the Thurlow country in 1846. Finding in the Lawn, hounds ran all the notable coverts on the Thurlow, and killed at Weston Colville, some eighteen miles as hounds ran. But Mr. Josselyn, in his early days, had a special fox—a sort of phantom creature—that beat the pack every time; indeed, they never caught him. This educated creature lived in the Hitcham Wood, on the Bildeston side of the country. At the sound of a horse's hoof or crack of a whip reynard was up and away, making always for the same place. Hibbs, aware of this,

Mr. J.
Josselyn.

one day got after him nearly in view. The pace a cracker, they ran him through Thorpe Monk Park, Raw Hall Woods, and nearly to the Links, where he doubled back through Thorpe, eventually beating hounds near to the Elmswell side of Woolpit Wood. On the way home Mr. G. W. Blake remarked to Hibbs, "Sam, if you could not catch him to-day you never will!" "No, sir," replied Sam duly, "I'm afraid I never shall." Upon occasion they started three foxes at once at Blackwater, and ran the one they settled on seventeen miles and a-half, eventually killing at Attleborough in 1 hour 55 minutes. This was, in Mr. Josselyn's opinion, one of his best things. Taking an active interest in the Hunt to the last, and always a liberal supporter of it, he died at his residence, St. Edmund's Hill, Bury St. Edmund's, on February 19th, 1881.

Sir E. W.
Greene, Bt.
—Master,
1871 '75;
1880 '83.

The descendant of an old Northamptonshire family, a scion of which, Benjamin Greene, settled at Bury St. Edmund's in the latter part of the eighteenth or beginning of the nineteenth century, SIR EDWARD WALTER GREENE, BARONET, was born on March 14th, 1812, and educated at Rugby. The son of the late Mr. Edward Greene, who was M.P. for the Stowmarket Division of Suffolk for twenty-five years, Sir Walter is himself a man of affairs, as he is a J.P. and D.L., was High Sheriff

for his county in 1897, is a J.P. for Worcestershire, major and honorary lieutenant-colonel of the Suffolk Imperial Yeomanry, and also M.P. for Bury St. Edmund's from 1900 to 1906. He was created a baronet on June 21st, 1900.



SIR E. W. GREENE.

Sir Walter early made his appearance at covert side, and after his probation started a pack of harriers, subsequently also hunting staghounds at his own expense. In 1883 he was requested to, and accepted, the Mastership of the Croome, showing splendid sport for six seasons. Before this, however, he had, jointly with his late father (who died in April, 1891), been Master of the Suffolk, which partnership began in 1871, succeeding Mr. John Josselyn after the latter gentleman's second Mastership. Some grand sport followed, he being particularly fortunate on the Thurlow side. This continued for three seasons, when a most regrettable coaching accident laid him *hors de combat*.

Mr. Edward Greene continued the Mastership, with Tom Enever to carry the horn, for another season, but it being seen that Sir Walter's mishap would prevent him resuming the saddle for a considerable time, he kindly lent his hounds to Mr. John Josselyn, who again took up the reins of management.

Having sufficiently recovered from the accident to resume the responsibilities of Mastership, Sir Walter, in 1880, again took the country, which he held for three seasons. Among his best runs was one in January, 1881, when hounds found at Trindley Wood, ran through Abbassy, and, leaving Thurlow Rectory on the right, ran straight to Weston Colville, where the fox got to ground in Mr. King's earth at Brinkley—a very fast thing. Another one, so sharp a burst that few of the field saw anything of it, was in February, 1881, from Stanstead Great Wood into the Bottoms below Glensford, turning left-handed through Cavendish Northy and King Wood, and killing close to Clare osier bed.

Sir Walter, whose principal seat is Nether Hall, Thurston, Suffolk, preserves game as well as foxes. He is fond of shooting, and well known on the Solent.

Mr. F.
Riley-
Smith
—present
Joint-
Master.

MR. FRANK RILEY-SMITH is a Yorkshire man and hunted many years with the Bramham Moor. He came to live in Suffolk in 1897, and since that time has done a great deal to encourage and further hunting in the county.

He hunted a pack of beagles, then the staghounds, after which, for one season, he hunted both the Suffolk Foxhounds and the Staghounds. Giving up the latter, he retained the former for three years. After an interval of two years without hounds, he accepted, in 1908, the Joint-Mastership of the Suffolk Foxhounds, with Mr. Bevan, of Plashwood.



Mr. & Emily Smith,
Joint Master of the Suffolk Foxhounds.

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Mr. Wilfred Devereux,
Joint-Master of The Suffolk Hounds.

From the days of his boyhood, when he was the proud possessor, with his brother, of a pack of beagles, and afterwards for a few years of a private pack of harriers, Mr. Bevan has been a devoted adherent to hunting. In 1908 he became Joint-Master of the Suffolk.

Mr. W. Bevan
—present
Joint-
Master.



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MRS. BEVAN.

working Secretary of the Suffolk Hunt, was born in September, 1879, near Manchester. He was educated at Rugby, and Trinity College, Cambridge, and afterwards worked in a large estate office in the Woodland Pytchley country, where he became irrevocably attached to horse and hound, though he had previously followed the Cambridgeshire occasionally when at the University.

Since 1903 he has lived at Rougham Hall, Bury St. Edmund's, which estate his father purchased in that year.

On taking up his residence in the county, he immediately became a follower of the Suffolk, and has ever since been one of the most ardent and consistent supporters of the Hunt Club; in 1907 he became Secretary.

He is fond of shooting and polo, but hunting comes

Mr. JOHN STUART AGNEW, the popular and hard

Mr. J. S. Agnew
—Hon.
Sec.



MR. J. S. AGNEW.

first. There are several useful coverts on the estate of Rougham Hall, which can usually be relied on to hold foxes. He is a lieutenant in the Suffolk Yeomanry, and is a member of various public bodies in the county.

His clubs are the Isthmian and the County.

Mr. JOHN BIRMINGHAM, the estate agent at Stowlangtoft, Suffolk, is a native of the West country, and was born in Somersetshire in August, 1873. His father, Mr. Christopher Birmingham, is well known in the Devon and Somerset country.

Mr. J. Birmingham.



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MR. J. BIRMINGHAM.

and has since followed the Suffolk and the local pack of staghounds. He lives at Stowlangtoft.

**Mr. P.
Browne.**

MR. PHIL BROWNE is one of the few tenant farmers who hunt with the Suffolk Hounds. He is the son of the late Mr. Philip Mann Browne, C.C., of Fornham All Saints, Bury St. Edmund's, who was for many years a consistent supporter of the Suffolk Hunt, and Honorary Secretary of the Poultry and Covert Fund and Point-to-Point Races. The late Mr. Philip Browne was, moreover, a quartermaster in the old Suffolk Yeomanry, and for a great number of years acted as Honorary Secretary and Stakeholder for the annual races, which were held under National Hunt Rules.

He was an extensive breeder of hunters, and exhibited with much success in the Eastern counties and at the Hunters' Improvement Society's Show at Islington. Some of the best horses he bred were Harmony, The Slink, Melody, St. Crispin, Music, The Snipe, and Wellington; most of his hunters have been sired by the well-known thoroughbred horse, Cobbler. His judging of all stock was of recognized excellence, and he will be much missed and regretted both by the sporting community and the members of the Suffolk Agricultural Society, of which, for many years past, he was one of the largest and most liberal supporters.

Our subject, Mr. Phil Browne, was born on December 19th, 1870, educated at the old Commercial School at Bury St. Edmund's, and afterwards pursued agriculture. When only five years old he made his first appearance with the Suffolk Hounds, of which he has since been a constant follower, a few occasional days being all that he has given to outside packs.

He has achieved success in the breeding of hunters, and carried off numerous prizes and cups from the local shows. He was very fond of riding in the point-to-point races, and rode the winner no less than thirteen times. He occasionally acts as a judge of hunters, hacks, and cart horses in the Eastern counties. His only other sport is a little shooting, and he lives at The Hall Farm, Rushbrooke, Bury St. Edmund's.

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MR. P. BROWNE.

**Mr. H. W.
Claughton.**

MR. HENRY WILLIAM CLAUGHTON was born in 1851, at Elton, Huntingdonshire, and one of his earliest recollections is meeting the Fitzwilliam Hounds at Elton Toll Bar. He was educated at Repton, and University College, Oxford, where he steered in the Varsity trial eights in his first term, and subsequently in all the principal races till his weight became too heavy for the post. Within

a few weeks of taking his degree in 1875, he received the appointment of H.M. Inspector of Schools, and came to live in Suffolk, where he has remained ever since. Although he has had some hunting with the Cottesmore and, what were then, Mr. Tailby's Hounds, his main experience is in the plough countries, and during the past twenty-five years he has been a very regular

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MR. H. W. CLAUGHTON.

*Photo by Elliott and Fry.*

MRS. CLAUGHTON.

follower of the Suffolk, though both he and Mrs. Claughton take occasional days with neighbouring packs. He formerly played cricket for Suffolk County, and for the past fifteen years has been captain of the West Suffolk Cricket Club. He is a member of the County Club, and lives at Fornham St. Martin, near Bury St. Edmund's.

Mr. Gough began following the Suffolk when a boy, and hunts with them regularly, as well as with the Staghounds, and occasionally with the Newmarket and Thurlow. Mr. WILLIAM GOUGH, C.C. for West Suffolk, was born on November 28th, 1870, and is the son of the late Mr. Jesse Gough, J.P., guarantor of the Suffolk Hunt. He was educated at King Edward VI. Grammar School, Bury St. Edmund's, and afterwards combined malting and farming. He married, in 1895, Louisa Harriette, second daughter of the late Mr. Philip Mann Browne, of Fornham All Saints. Some of the best of his horses were Woolloomoolloo, winner of the Suffolk Point-to-Point Heavy-Weight (11 stone) in 1893, George, and Black Mah, all well known with the Suffolk Hounds. He holds many cups and prizes for the breeding of Suffolks, and is a member of the Suffolk Agricultural Association. He is fond of shooting and fishing, and lives at the Manor House, Fornham All Saints, Bury St. Edmund's.

Mr. W.
Gough.

Mr. GEORGE ORBELL is a native of Essex. His father, the late Mr. Joseph Orbell, was engaged in farming in that county, and was in due course joined by his son. Mr. George Orbell was born in 1851, and has been accustomed to the saddle from his youth, the East Essex naturally affording his first experience in the field. Since those days he has hunted with many packs; he is, however, best known with the Suffolk, his present residence, Nowton Hall, Bury St. Edmund's, being an excellent centre for the meets of those hounds, of which he has been a constant follower for more than thirty years. Mr. Orbell has been very successful in point-to-point racing. Amongst many excellent hunters, The Squire was perhaps the most notable. This good horse won four point-to-point races running.

Mr. G.
Orbell.

Mr. George Orbell's son, Mr. Joseph William Orbell, of Nowton Lodge, has followed his father both as to profession and sport. Born in 1881, he has spent most of his hunting days since his early boyhood with the Suffolk Foxhounds, varied by staghunting with Mr. Burton's Hounds; the Essex, Suffolk, and Norwich Staghounds also affording occasional sport. A successful breeder and exhibitor of horses he has many cups and other prizes. Amongst the hunters, Topthorn, a winner of several jumping prizes, was one of the best; also Last Chance, by Royal Meath, who won the Suffolk Point-to-Point, but, unfortunately, came to an untimely end in the hunting field.



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MR. G. ORBELL.



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MR. W. O. PALMER.

One of the senior members of the Hunt is Mr. WALTER ORBELL PALMER, who was born on March 19th, 1830. He is the son of the late Mr. Walter Orbell Palmer, of South Acre, Norfolk, and was educated at Lynn. As a child of six or seven he first went out with the Old Norfolk Foxhounds, afterwards hunting with Lords Hastings and Suffield and Mr. Henry Villebois, but on going to live at West Lodge in 1862 he became a follower of the Suffolk, and has been a member of the Hunt Committee since 1870.

Mr. W. O.
Palmer.

Some of the best of his many good horses were Jessie, a beautiful hack and a very clever hunter, Masters, and his old chestnut horse, Prism. For many years he has been a breeder of hacks and hunters, and in his younger days did a good deal of coursing, keeping a small kennel of greyhounds. He

Mr. W. O. Palmer.

has always been a very particular preserver of foxes, and has gone in extensively for wild-fowl shooting from a punt with a stanchion gun; he has pursued this sport also in Scotland, Holland, and the coast of Essex. He lives at West Lodge, Bradfield St. George, Bury St. Edmund's.

Major J. W. R. Tomkin.

MAJOR J. W. ROYCE TOMKIN, of Little Haugh, Norton, near Bury St. Edmund's, son of the late Rev. James Wright Tomkin, M.A., of Raydon Rectory, Suffolk, was born on October 24th, 1868, and educated at Haileybury and Sandhurst. In August, 1888, he joined the 1st Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, with whom he served till June, 1899, from which date he served with the 3rd Battalion until 1902. He is now major commanding the Cambridge squadron of the Loyal Suffolk Hussars. When quartered in Ireland he played polo for his regiment and followed the Kildare Foxhounds; in England most of his hunting has been with the Essex and Suffolk, and the Suffolk.



MAJOR J. W. ROYCE TOMKIN.

Mr. J. White.

MR. JOHN WHITE, son of the late Rev. John White, J.P., C.C., of Chevington, Bury St. Edmund's, was born July 2nd, 1857. He commenced hunting with the Suffolk, and was blooded by Mr. Josselyn, the then Master. Since his return to England in 1886, he has been a regular follower, and has occasional days with the Newmarket and Thurlow, and Mr. Burton's Staghounds. Solicitor, a winner of numerous Hunt point-to-point races, was one of his best horses.

He is a member of the West Suffolk County Club, and resides at Whelmethan Hall, Suffolk; he also owns property in other parts of the county.



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MR. R. H. WILSON.

Mr. R. H. Wilson.

MR. ROWLAND HOLT WILSON was quite young when he first began to follow the Suffolk Hounds, and he has continued to do so all his life; he has also once hunted in the Cork Woods near Gibraltar, and a little in other countries. Mr. Wilson, the son of the late Rev. Thomas Daniel Holt Wilson, Rector of Redgrave, who hunted his brother's harriers, kept at Redgrave Hall from the year 1836 to 1843, was born in November, 1846, and educated at Blackheath. On leaving school he was articled to the late Mr. George Anthony Partridge, of Bury St. Edmund's, and is now head of the firm of Partridge and Wilson, solicitors. One of the best horses that Mr. Wilson has ever had was Little Wonder, so named by the members of the Hunt for his extraordinary performances.

He was Joint-Secretary, with the late Colonel A. H. Josselyn, of the Hunt for the seasons 1906-07, and 1907-08. He is Clerk to the County Justices of the Peace and Coroner for the Liberty of Bury St. Edmund's. He is a member of the County Club, and lives at Breckley Ley, Bury St. Edmund's.

MR. W. P. BURTON'S STAGHOUNDS.

FOLLOWING the usual custom with staghounds, this pack has changed its name with the Mastership. It was founded by Sir (then Mr.) E. Walter Greene in 1861, who hunted the country, which is practically the same district as that of the Suffolk Foxhounds till 1870. In that season he took over the county pack of foxhounds, and temporarily dropped those entered to stag. After holding the Mastership of the Croome Foxhounds from 1883 to 1889, Sir Walter again turned his attention to Suffolk alone, and re-establishing the stag pack, hunted the country two days a week. In 1900 he relinquished the cares of office in favour of Mr. E. Riley Smith, who took over the pack and herd of deer. The last-named gentleman in 1901 gave place to Mr. Eugene Wells, who, however, only hunted the pack one day a week, as he was also hunting the foxhounds at the same time. In 1906, Mr. Wells gave up both packs, and was succeeded in the Mastership of the staghounds by Mr. W. P. BURTON, who still carries the horn.

The deer, twenty in number, by the permission of Sir Walter Greene, are kept in the paddocks at Nether Hall, Bury St. Edmund's. The pack consists of twenty couples; the first whipper-in and kennel huntsman is Harry Williams, and the second whip is E. Nunn. The Secretary is Mr. C. F. Cattle, Thurston, near Bury St. Edmund's.

THE NEWMARKET AND THURLOW.

ALTHOUGH by no means appertaining to the premier order of countries from the foxhunter's point of view, and despite the fact that Mr. (afterwards Colonel) John Cook, who had the old Thurlow Hunt in 1800, reports in his diary that "Foxes and subscriptions are damnable short," and that the same condition of affairs has existed to a great extent ever since, nevertheless, it is a significant fact that there has always been a Master ready to take up the reins of office as soon as ever his predecessor was wanting to lay them down. Indeed, after more than a century of annual struggle for life, this Hunt is still "going strong," and never perhaps was more flourishing in both foxes and funds than at the present time.

The great Osbaldeston is said to have frequently ridden to and from Leicestershire to hunt this country somewhere about 1830, but "Miser" Elwes, of Stoke College, is the first accredited Master of a pack of foxhounds in what is now known as the Newmarket and Thurlow. The pack was kennelled in the grounds of the College, and the "Miser" in all probability hunted the old Thurlow country. Following him a Mr. Thomas Paynton, or Panton, an eccentric racehorse owner, who rejoiced in the office of "Master of the Games to the King," hunted the country round about Newmarket with a pack of his own. From 1800 to 1801 the aforesaid Mr. Cook (who figured later on as the Master of several important packs) had the country, living modestly in a cottage in Thurlow opposite the "Cock Inn."

For the next eight years the Rev. Mr. Davers took over the pack belonging to his brother, Sir Charles Davers, of Rushbrooke, and he hunted the country within reach of Bury St. Edmund's, and in all probability an even larger slice of that district. An *hiatus* then occurs in the history of this Hunt, for it is not until 1827 that we find Mr. George Mure, of Herringswell, who had taken over in that year the Mastership of the Suffolk Hunt, extending his *régime* to that of the Thurlow country. During the next fifty-six years the Suffolk and the Thurlow Hunts were amalgamated, for it was not until 1883 that the Newmarket and Thurlow, as it is now known, was formed. About this time (1827) the Thurlow Hunt Club came into existence, but had only a short lease of life. However, it was re-established in 1858, and continued for another six years, during which time the Club officiated as the modern Hunt Committee. From 1864 to 1883 the Thurlow Hunt seems to have had no separate committee, although the hunting farmers regularly sent a "Thurlow Farmers' Purse" to the Suffolk Hunt Honorary Secretary.



MR. G. BOWEN.

Mr. George Mure hunted the country until March, 1845 (eighteen years). The last entry in his hunting diary reads:—"Stopped by frost, 17 days; hunted, 38; killed, 21 foxes; ran to ground, 5; blank days, 2." The history of the Hunt was at this date identical with the Suffolk, and it was not until 1885 that a more satisfactory condition of things was arranged, and there blossomed forth the present Newmarket and Thurlow Hunt, which was formed of the district west of Denston. Mr. J. Gardner was the first Master of the newly-formed country. He was a tenant farmer, very popular locally, and was personally and warmly congratulated by the late Duke of Rutland (then owning Cheveley) for his laudable enterprise. Following Mr. Gardner came the meteoric career as M.F.H. of the notorious Captain J. Gordon Miller, who lived and "kennelled" at Little Thurlow Hall. Mr. E. Molyneux next officiated, and had two experiences of the Mastership, between which Mr. George Bowen had the hounds for a single season. To

Mr. Molyneux's lasting credit be it recorded that he built the present kennels on a specially purchased site, and upon his retirement sold it *en bloc* at less than half the cost price to the country.

In 1896, Mr. W. H. Pemberton Barnes took the country, and remained for six years, during the last two of which he hunted the Essex Staghounds as well, under which history fuller particulars of him will be found. He resigned both Masterships in 1901, and dispersed, principally by gift, the useful pack he had got together. Mr. Charles Brooke (late Holderness Master) succeeded Mr. Pemberton Barnes, but retired after only one season. Mr. Brooke got together a nice pack of bitches, mostly from the Southdown, and when he left the country in 1902 he lent to his successor, the Rev. Sir William Hyde-Parker, Baronet, the pack as it then stood. Sir William then set to work to achieve what no Master in this particular country had attempted before, viz., to breed a pack of hounds for the Hunt. A year or two later Mr. Brooke presented to his old country the pack he had left in it, and Sir William added to the gift those units of it which by that time belonged to him. The outgoing Master (Sir William) had the disadvantage of living the best part of twenty miles from his hounds, though he generally kennelled them at his own seat, Melford Hall, during the summer time.

Mr. Richard Bower, of Stradishall Place, is the present Master, and hunts his own hounds. The country averages about fifteen miles in breadth; the fen district in the north is not hunted. The "going" is nearly all plough, with plenty of woodland, a long chain of which, called The Widghours, affording a splendid nursery for the young hounds.

Mr. THOMAS PANTON, so intimately associated with the Thurlow country, was, we believe, born in 1731. He was the son of that Thomas Panton who was the Master of the King's hunting horses at Newmarket, and a well-connected man, his sister Mary marrying, in 1750, Peregrine Bertie, fourth Duke of Ancaster. Mr. Panton the younger, subject of our notes, lived as a country gentleman at Fen Dillon, Cambridgeshire, and was High Sheriff of the county in 1789. His hounds are said to have killed a fox close to the Rubbing House, Newmarket, after a twenty-five mile run without a check, but no time was given. Again it is recorded that on October 15th, 1793, they found at Abbassy Wood, near Thurlow, when the fox broke covert and ran in two rings to Blunt's Park and back to Abbassy. He then flew his country, and went in a line to Lawn Wood, Temple Wood, to Hart Wood, where there were a brace of fresh foxes. The pack then divided, fifteen and a-half couples went away close to the hunted fox to West Wickham Common, Weston Colville, and over Wellington Green, thence through open country to Six-Mile Bottom and Newmarket; headed by a chaise, he took a line for the Gogmagog Hill, and was run from scent to view, and, laying down, was killed on the open heath at the bottom of the hill; he stood up 1 hour 15 minutes without a check. The six and a-half couples of hounds killed a second fox at Withersfield, and one couple of hounds killed the third at Thurlow Park gates.

Mr. Panton's chief reputation, however, was as an owner of racehorses. He was a much-respected member of the Jockey Club, and won the Derby in 1796 with Noble; but probably his best horse was Feather.

He died at Newmarket on November 29th, 1808.

A son of the late Sir William Parker, Baronet, J.P., D.L., of Long Melford, Suffolk, THE REV. SIR WILLIAM HYDE-PARKER, J.P., C.A., the tenth Baronet, was born in 1863, educated at Eton, and Clare College, Cambridge, where he obtained his degree in 1885, and took Holy Orders the following year. In 1890 he married Ethel, only daughter of the late Mr. John Leech, of Gorse Hall, Cheshire. When a boy, Sir William began following the Suffolk and East Essex, and while at Cambridge -

Mr. T.
Panton
—Master.



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THE REV. SIR W. HYDE-PARKER, BART.

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whipped-in to the Trinity Foot Beagles. He has since hunted with the Oakley, Whaddon Chase, Grafton, and Bicester, and is very fond of visiting other packs; this, of course, is discouraged in the Midlands, but where it can be done, adds greatly to a young sportsman's experience. He is an original member of the East Essex Hunt Club, and, in 1902, accepted the Mastership of the Newmarket and Thurlow, which he relinquished in 1906. By Mr. C. Brooke's, and his own, gifts, a pack was secured for the country, and much improved during his Mastership. For three years, 1899-1902, he owned a private pack of harriers, which were known as Sir William Parker's.

He rides well-bred horses, some of which he has bred himself, and has been successful with them in the Ring as well as in the field. In 1899 he was awarded the Hunters' Improvement Society's Gold Medal, and has at various times carried off trophies from the local shows.

He is a member of the Oxford and Cambridge and the Wellington Clubs, and lives at Melford Hall, Long Melford, Suffolk.



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MR. R. BOWER.

MR. RICHARD BOWER, who has held the Mastership of the Newmarket and Thurlow since 1906, is the son of Mr. Thomas Bower, J.P., of Stradishall Place, Suffolk, and was educated at Shrewsbury.

As a boy, he hunted with the Holderness, and afterwards had a season with the Warwickshire, followed by a few

seasons with the various packs in the North Riding of Yorkshire. In 1900, coming to live at Stradishall, he became a member of the Newmarket and Thurlow, and in the same year subscribed

to the East Essex, with which pack he still has occasional days. The Cambridgeshire, the Athirstone, the Pychley, the Brocklesby, the Devon and Somerset Staghoums, and the Essex Otterhoums have also at various times afforded him good sport.

Mr. Bower breeds his own hunters. Squirrel, one of his best, which he has ridden since 1903, is a locally-bred horse, and



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MISS S. BOWER.



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MISS A. BOWER.

one of the well-known hunters on his side of East Anglia. He farms a portion of his own land, and is fond of shooting when there is no hunting to be had. His summers are employed in preparations for the coming season's sport. He is a member of the Isthmian Club and lives at Stradishall Place, Suffolk.

Mr. T.
Purkis
—Hon. Sec.

MR. THOMAS PURKIS and the late great empire builder, Mr. Cecil Rhodes, were boys together, and schoolfellows at Bishop's Stortford. Mr. Purkis, who has farmed all his life, chiefly in the Newmarket district, was born in September, 1851, and is the son of the late Mr. William Purkis. He first hunted, as a boy, with the Suffolk Houms, then, as he grew older, he followed various other packs, but for some years past has hunted regularly with the Newmarket and Thurlow, to which he

devotes much of his time, being a hard worker in the interests of the Hunt, of which he became Honorary Secretary in 1898. He has several good horses, and is fond of most sports, particularly shooting. Mrs. Purkis is a keen rider to hounds, and their son and the brothers of Mr. Purkis all follow the Newmarket and Thurlow. He lives at Barham Hall, Lenton, Cambridgeshire.

Mr. WALTER KEMPTON CANNON takes to riding naturally, being a son of Mr. Thomas Cannon, of Stockbridge, the erstwhile great jockey and now able trainer. Born on November 21st, 1879, he was educated at Greenwood College, Hampshire.

He began hunting as a child with his brothers, Tom and Mornington, who kept a pack of beagles in Hampshire. At eight years of age he hunted with the Danebury Harriers, a private pack belonging to his father, to which he acted as second whip, becoming first

whip when his brother "Morny" was married; this post he continued to hold until the pack was sold to Mr. Greswell Williams. He next turned his attention to the Tedworth, which he followed until 1903, when he migrated to Newmarket, and has since hunted chiefly with the Newmarket and Thurlow, and Mr. Burton's Staghounds. He also owns the pack of draghounds known as the Old Newmarket Drag. It was originally hunted by the late Fred. Archer, and Mr. Cannon resuscitated it in 1906. At various periods he has hunted with all the principal packs in the Midlands and West of England, both stag and fox, and during the early summer months with the Essex Otterhounds.

Among his horses, his grey mare, Lady Grey, was very fast and a bold fencer, and his Hugath Lath, the well-known steeplechaser, placed many victories between the flags to his credit. For six years he was first jockey



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MR. W. K. CANNON.

to Mr. Leopold de Rothschild. Anything like a recapitulation of his successes would take far too much of our space, suffice it to say, therefore, that among other great races he has ridden the winners of the Derby, Guineas, St. Leger, the Cambridgeshire (twice), Cesarewitch, Belgian Derby, the Jockey Club Stakes of 10,000 sovereigns, the Goodwood Stakes, and Manchester and Liverpool Cups. He can claim victories not only in England, Scotland, and Ireland, but France, Belgium, Germany, and Austria.

Mr. HERBERT JONES (jockey to H.M. the King) is the son of the late Mr. John Jones (H.M. the King's steeplechase trainer), of Priam Lodge, Epsom, Surrey.

His first experience in the hunting field was with the Surrey Staghounds as a lad of eight years of age; with this pack he hunted until 1901, when he took up his residence at Newmarket, and became a follower of the Newmarket and Thurlow, also having



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Mr. W. K. Cannon



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MR. H. JONES.

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occasional days hunting with the Suffolk Staghounds, and the Newmarket and Thurlow Drag, to which he is deputy whip. He has taken part in the principal flat races since 1891. His first win was an Apprentice Race, on Rignarole, and his second victory was on Good News in 1895. When his profession admits, and hunting is unobtainable, shooting occupies his attention. He resides at Egerton Villa, Newmarket.

Mr. R. W. King.

MR. ROBERT WILLIAM KING, D.L., of Brinkley Hall, Cambridgeshire, was born in April, 1845; educated at Kensington, he made his first acquaintance with the hunting field when only five years old. He has followed thirty different packs in England and Ireland, and for thirty-four years spent his autumns with the Devon and Somerset Staghounds. Although Mr. King has seen sport with so many hounds, he has hunted principally with the packs of the Eastern Counties, his name being most closely associated with the Newmarket and Thurlow, of which he has always been a most consistent and active supporter, indeed, the Hunt owes much to him.



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MR. R. W. KING.

Mr. C. Leader.



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MR. C. LEADER.

Mr. Leader has had much experience between the flags and on the flat, having scored many successes in both styles of racing.

Mr. E. Livock.

A prominent figure in Newmarket and the vicinage is that of Mr. Edward Livock. The son of Mr. Edward Livock, of Twickenham, he was born on November 29th, 1862, and after his preparatory education, went to Edinburgh University, taking his degree as M.R.C.V.S. in 1880.

Blooded by the late Mr. John Foy with the Whaddon Chase, he followed the pack for a couple of seasons, after which he joined the Goodwood, then hunted by the Earl of March, now Duke of Richmond, and with them he saw five seasons. He next migrated to the Argentine, where for three years he headed the list of gentlemen riders, one of his feats being to ride nine winners out of eleven mounts in a two days' meeting. Returning to England, he had one season



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MR. E. LIVOCK.

with the Essex, after which he turned his attention chiefly to the Newmarket and Thurlow, and Mr. Burton's Staghounds, though he has hunted with many packs at various times.

**Mr. E.
Livock.**

Among the best of his hunters were Stowmarket, by Toscano Foolscap. He was a brilliant animal, running in seven events, point-to-point races and steeplechases, and finishing first or second every time. Tom Tit won the Melton Farmers' Steeplechase, and although only running three times was placed in each race. The Little Red Rat, a sprinter of the first order, was well known with the Devon and Somerset Staghounds. As an exhibitor of hackneys at various shows, Mr. Livock has had his share of successes. When hunting is impracticable, and professional duties allow, he employs leisure moments with shooting, golf, and court tennis in the fine tennis court built by Mr. C. D. Rose adjoining his residence. Mr. Livock is a member of the Eastern Counties Veterinary Association, and resides at March House, Newmarket.

Mr. HENRY WEBB, son of the late Mr. Jonas Webb, of Babraham, Cambridgeshire, was born on March 29th, 1830. He was educated privately and subsequently took up the profession of farming.

**Mr. H.
Webb.**

He commenced hunting when eighteen years of age with the Newmarket and Thurlow—then known as the Suffolk—under the Mastership of Mr. Mure, and he continued to follow this pack regularly until the season 1907. He has had occasional days with the Cambridgeshire, the Essex, the East Essex, the Essex Union, and the Puckeridge.

He has owned some capital horses, his two favourites being The Newmarket, whom he rode for fifteen seasons, and his cob The Exmoor, who carried him for five seasons. He is a successful breeder of shorthorns and hunters, and a very keen preserver of foxes, having a splendid earth (chalk pit) on his own land. He lives at Streetley Hall, West Wickham, Cambridgeshire.

THE EAST ESSEX.



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THE EAST ESSEX (1908).

THE East Essex country is bounded on the north by the Suffolk, and the Newmarket and Thurlow Hunts; on the west by the Essex; on the east by the Essex and Suffolk; and by the Essex Union on the south. It is situated in the north-west and east of the county, and extends for about twenty-three miles from north to south, and sixteen miles from east to west. It is a ditch and bank country, with a fair amount of woodland, and there is not much wire.

In early days it seems that many packs wandered into what is now the East Essex country, hunting there for a time and drifting away again. Some of them hunted both fox and hare, as did Captain Wilson and Captain Saich; others, like Mr. Canning, Mr. Harding Newman, and Mr. Tufnell, hunted fox only.

Mr. Charles Newman, of Scripps, Little Coggeshall, may be regarded as the first Master proper of the East Essex country; he kept his hounds at his own place. The exact date when he began seems to be an open question; Messrs. Ball and Gilbey say he was hunting there in 1817, while *Baily's Directory* gives 1820 as the year. Mr. Newman had kept hounds for nearly thirty years when he retired in 1844. He hunted hounds himself, and had the well-known Meshach Cornell as his whipper-in.

The following season the country was controlled by a Committee, and the year after, 1813, Mr. Richard Marriott, who had been Master of harriers for twenty-four years, took over the East Essex Hunt. Mr. Marriott had started his sporting career at a very early age, having bought his first pack while still at Eton, and from that time he kept hounds continuously for fifty years, only giving them up a year before he died. In the year 1850 his huntsman was James Fernham; he hunted hounds two days a week, Tuesdays and Saturdays, his favourite fixtures being Mark's Hall, Belchamp Bells, St. Anne's Castle, Great Northey, Wethersfield Town, Toppinghoe Hall, Felix Hall, Gosfield, Aldham Hall, Fincham Field, and Helion's Bumpstead. "Gelert" says: "Mr. Marriott has rather an indifferent country, the greater part of it having small fields and high banks; the whole of it is 'plough.' He succeeded Mr. Charles Newman in the management of the East Essex, and has had them about six years. The regret always expressed by the farmers at the loss of 'poor old Charley Newman' is really quite affecting; he was a thorough sportsman, hunting his own hounds, lifting them very quickly, and riding where few of his field were disposed to follow him."



MR. CHARLES NEWMAN.

Mr. Richard Marriott retired in 1868, and was succeeded for one year by his son, Mr. Humphrey Marriott, of Abbot's Hall, Shalford, with his father's hunting establishment.

In 1869, Mr. W. H. White (generally known as Captain White), from the Essex and Suffolk country, became Master of the East Essex, and remained for seven seasons. He was succeeded by Colonel Jelf Sharp, also from the Essex and Suffolk, who hunted the hounds for five years.

Mr. Archibald Ruggles-Brise followed Colonel Jelf Sharp in 1881, and after his first season associated himself with his brother-in-law, Mr. Jesser Coope, as partner; this partnership, however, only continued for one season, at the end of which Mr. Jesser Coope carried on by himself, and hunted the country till he was succeeded by Mr. Beale Colvin in 1886; the latter held the Mastership for five seasons, retiring in 1891.

Mr. Walter Grimston then took the country, which he hunted for six years, and was followed by Mr. A. W. Ruggles-Brise, who again took the hounds in conjunction with Mr. Andrew Motion in 1897. Mr. Motion, however, only continued for one season, his position in the Joint-Mastership being filled by Lieut.-Colonel Cruikshank.

In 1899, both these gentlemen retired, and the country was taken by Mr. E. Deacon (late King's Dragoon Guards), of Sloe House, Halstead, Essex, who still continues, hunting the hounds himself; until recently he had Will Davis for his first whip, and Ernest Cross second, and hunts the country three days a week, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The kennels are at Earl's Colne.

The East Essex country, beyond any question, was founded by MR. CHARLES NEWMAN, of Scripps Hall, near Coggeshall. He must not be in any way associated with Mr. Richard Newman Harding Newman, of Nehmes, near Hornchurch. Mr. Charles Newman was a self-educated man, albeit a farmer in the district on a large scale, and a sound sportsman. Although the date of his founding the country is usually accepted as being in the year 1820, there is no doubt that he had been hunting it for some time before, possibly for a period of ten years. One would rather be inclined to take 1820 as the date when he took over the Thurlow country. This meant a great addition to his labours, as he had previously hunted four days a week, but upon undertaking the Thurlow district, he for some three or four seasons was putting in six days per week

Mr. C.
Newman,
—Master.

Mr. C.
Newman.

with kennels thirty miles apart. Possibly, this fact formed a precedent for Mr. Osbaldeston, who, it may be remembered, subsequently hunted the Pychley and Thurlow countries at the same time.

Mr. Newman is said to have been one of the finest judges of hounds in England, and would seem to have got together a pack worthy of so great a connoisseur. It included the sire and dam of Lord Petre's Columbine, considered by experts of the day to be the finest bitch hound in England. He was fortunate, too, in obtaining the services of Meshach Cornell as whipper-in. This Hunt servant was described as one of the most extraordinary of his time. He was a little man and puny withal, with a very shrill voice. There was a big heart in the small frame, however, and he could ride anything; indeed, it is recorded that he was frequently given mounts upon animals which none others would tackle. He was subsequently employed by Mr. Cawston, when Master of the old South Essex, and died of a fit in the boiler house at Mucking.

Mr. Newman continued his Mastership for some thirty years, when in an evil day he speculated in Welsh mines, there being a "boom" in the Principality during the thirties and forties. The usual depression followed, among the hard hit being the subject of these notes. He was obliged to give up his hounds and leave Essex; but his popularity had been great, and before doing so his fellow sportsmen presented him with a picture, the central figure a portrait of himself cheering on his hounds as they break covert. It was admirably painted by F. C. Turner, and engraved by Barraud, in 1830, and also includes portraits of Mr. Caswell Newman, Mr. Thos. White, Parson Cox, and Meshach Cornell afore-mentioned.

Mr. Newman gave up his hounds in 1812, when seventy couples and all his horses were disposed of. He paid the debt of nature in 1849.

Mr. R.
Marriott,
—Master,
1842-67.

Mr. RICHARD MARRIOTT, of Abbot's Hall, Shalford, was well acquainted with East Essex, having been born in the county in 1801; he hunted sedulously during the time that Mr. Charles Newman was in office, from his youth up, in fact. His father and mother having died when he was a child, he was left to the care of guardians, who never stinted him so far as expenditure was concerned, consequently as his son has put it upon record, Mr. Marriott, before he left Eton, was keeping a pack of hounds during his last term in the vicinage of the school. From that time to within a year of his death, a period extending over fifty years, he was never without harriers or foxhounds. His first appearance with the East Essex in the rôle of Master, was when Charles Newman, having broken his leg, Mr. Marriott hunted the hounds for him three days a week and his own pack of harriers the other three days; but he not unnaturally found it "very hard work even for a young man of twenty-five" as he himself said. It was during Mr. Marriott's tenure of office that a decision, important as a precedent to hunting men upon a question of boundary, was decided in his favour. It ran as follows:—

AWARD.

Arthur's Club,

London, August 28th, 1848.

"We, the undersigned, after due consideration of the respective statements placed in our hands by Mr. Marriott and Mr. Ward, together with a letter from Mr. Payne, dated March 9th, 1848, in which he admits that the country in dispute was only lent to him by Mr. Marriott, to be relinquished upon his retirement from the Union Hounds, are of opinion that, according to the laws of foxhunting, Mr. Marriott is entitled to the said country upon Mr. Payne's retirement.

N. PARRY.

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THE LATE MR. R. MARRIOTT.

Mr. H. R. G.
Marriott
—Master,
1868-69.

Mr. HUMPHREY RICHARD GEORGE MARRIOTT, J.P., son of the late Mr. Richard Marriott above mentioned, was born on May 23rd, 1831. He was educated at Rugby, and married Edith, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Thomas White, J.P., D.L., of Manor House, Wethersfield, Essex.

As a boy he followed his father's private pack of harriers for a few seasons, but when the late Mr. Marriott accepted the Mastership of the East Essex in 1843, he very naturally became a follower of that pack, and has regularly hunted with them since. In consequence of an accident to his father, Mr. Marriott became the Field-Master during the seasons of 1866 and 1867, and Master in 1868-69. He has been a member of the Hunt Club since 1902.

Mr. H. R. G. Marriott.

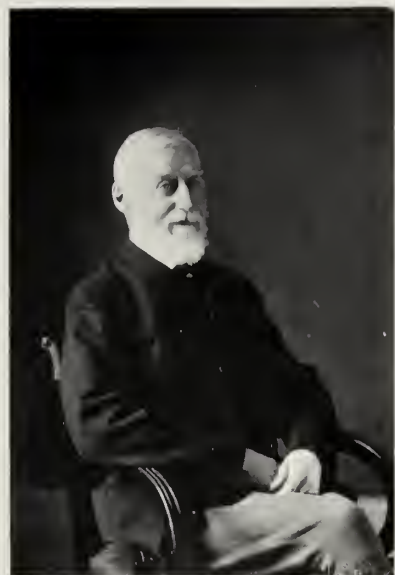


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MR. H. R. G. MARRIOTT.

Two of his best hunters were Countess, a very powerful and fast Irish mare, and Janet, by Moulsey (a local-bred horse), who carried him for seventeen seasons, and eventually came to an untimely end in the hunting field. Mr. Marriott lives at Abbot's Hall, Shalford, Essex.

No name is more familiar in connection with hunting in Essex than that of Mr. WILLIAM HENRY (CAPTAIN) WHITE. In turn he hunted the Essex and Suffolk, East Essex, and Essex countries. As regards the East Essex, he succeeded Mr. Humphrey R. G. Marriott in 1869, purchasing the greater part of that gentleman's and the whole of Captain Morant's pack, with which the last-named Master had hunted the New Forest. These he at first kennelled, for a couple of seasons, at Spains Hall, Great Yeldham, but in 1871 removed them to Black Notley, where they remained until his retirement in 1876.

Captain W. H. White—Master, 1869-76.

Few men better understood the science of foxhunting than Mr. White, and it was his custom to carry the horn himself; no better man to hounds could be met with. He had the grand knack of letting hounds alone to do their own work, only helping them when he saw they were in a difficulty. When necessary, however, few men were quicker in their casts than he, and none were better able to kill a shifty fox. One of the best days under his able Mastership was on February 27th, 1872, when hounds, after a balling scent in the earlier part of the day, got hold of a very straight-necked old dog fox, and after running him for 1 hour 35 minutes, killed in Bigod's Covert. Mr. White, as usual, carried the horn.

MR. ARCHIBALD WEYLAND RUGGLES-BRISE, J.P., D.L., son of the late Sir Samuel Ruggles-Brise, K.C.B., J.P., D.L., was born April 2nd, 1853. He was educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge. Subsequently he studied law, was called to the Bar in 1875, and is a member of the Inner Temple. He first commenced hunting as a lad with the East Essex, and has since regularly followed these hounds; he has also hunted with the neighbouring packs, and in many of the Midland countries.

Mr. A. W. Ruggles-Brise—Master, 1881-83; 1897-99.

He has been Master of the East Essex on three different occasions, and built his kennels and stables at Durward's Hall, Witham. Some of his finest hunters were Arter Xerxes, Water Rat, and Heartsease, which were all very fast, and splendid water and timber jumpers.

Mr. Ruggles-Brise is a very successful breeder and exhibitor of black-faced Suffolk sheep and Jerseys, for which he has taken many prizes at the various shows in the Eastern counties. His sons and daughters are well known with the East Essex, being also keen followers of hounds.

He is a member of the Carlton Club, and lives at Spains Hall, Finchingfield, Braintree, Essex.



MR. A. W. RUGGLES-BRISE.

**Mr. W. E.
Grimston
Master,
1891-97.**

MR. WALTER EDWARD GRIMSTON, J.P., of Earls Colne Place, Earls Colne, Essex, formerly Master of the East Essex Foxhounds, is the son of the late Rev. the Honourable E. H. Grimston, of Febmarsh, Essex, and was born on May 16th, 1844. He was educated at Harrow, where he played in the School Eleven in 1862-63. Mr. Grimston began to hunt with the East Essex Hounds when only six years old, and is now one of the seniors of the Hunt; he is also a member of the Hunt Club. When a boy he owned a pack of beagles. By way of varying his country he sometimes has a few days with the Essex Union, the Essex, and the Essex and Suffolk Foxhounds.

Mr. Grimston is well known as a good houndman: he has been a very successful breeder, winning two premiums at Peterborough, besides being second for the best couple of unentered hounds, open to all England. When he accepted the Mastership, in 1891, of the East Essex, he purchased the hounds, which were bought by the country on his retirement in 1897. He is, however, still the owner of the kennels.

**Mr. E.
Deacon
—present
Master.**

MR. EDMUND DEACON, the present Master, of Sloe House, Halstead, Essex, is the only son of the late Mr. Edmund Deacon, of Abney House, Bourne End, Berkshire; he was born April 3rd, 1872, educated at Charterhouse, Malvern, and Sandhurst. He joined the King's Dragoon Guards in 1891, and was adjutant of that regiment when he retired in 1899. In the same year he married Sybil, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Henry Egerton Green, J.P., D.L., of King's Ford, Colchester.



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MR. E. DEACON.

Beginning to hunt as a schoolboy, at which period of his life he followed the Southdown during the holidays, he later on whipped-in to the K.D.G. Stag-hounds at Norwich for a couple of seasons. When quartered at Colchester he hunted with the various packs in the neighbourhood, eventually becoming Master of the East Essex Foxhounds in 1899, which position he still holds, having carried the horn himself since 1903.

Mr. Deacon likes his horses as nearly as possible thoroughbred; and when in the Service generally had one or two good enough to win local regimental races.

He takes a keen interest in the Essex Yeomanry, in which regiment he holds the rank of major, and commands a squadron which he raised in his own Hunt on the formation of the regiment in 1901. He is a member of the Cavalry and Boodle's Clubs.

**Mr. R. D.
Hill—
Hon. Sec.**

The secretarial duties are fulfilled by Mr. R. D. HILL, of Holfield Grange, Coggeshall.

**Sir C. C. de
Crespigny,
Bt.**

Wherever horsemen are gathered together the name of Sir Claude Champion de Crespigny is familiar. As a gentleman rider between the flags his numerous victories and experiences would take a small volume to themselves, and there are very few forms of sport in which Sir Claude has not figured prominently at various times.

SIR CLAUDE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY, FOURTH BARONET, is the eldest son of the third baronet, who died in 1868, and of Mary, second daughter of the late Sir John Tyssen Tyrrell, Baronet. He was born on April 20th, 1847, and was educated at Temple Grove, East Sheen. In 1860 he entered the Navy, retiring in 1865, and the following year joined the 60th, the King's Royal Rifles, from which he retired in 1870. In 1872 he married Georgiana, daughter of the late Mr. R. McKerrel. During the Nile operations of 1889 he acted as war correspondent, also in South Africa in 1900; and in East Africa in 1905 he was serving as a volunteer. He is a late captain of the Limerick Artillery Militia, and a late major of the Royal Suffolk Hussars.

He began his hunting career as a child of seven with the East Essex, and subsequently, when on leave, he followed the Essex and Suffolk, having about seven broken seasons with them. Later on he hunted with the Cheshire, New Forest, Tedworth, and Lord Portman's, having from one to three seasons with each. He has, in addition, followed most of the Hampshire and Wiltshire packs, as well as the County Clare Foxhounds, and the Devon and Somerset Staghounds. He is one of the original members of the East Essex Hunt Club, and since 1878 has hunted regularly with that pack, when he has been in England.

Some of his best hunters were Cartridge, Clio, and Coldstream, all excellent performers, especially over water and timber. One of his horses, when following the Cheshire, cleared thirty-one feet over a five-foot fence.

He has bred a few jumpers, including Correze, winner of the Great Sandown Steeplechase. In the early eighties he laid out a course of his own at Champion Lodge, and as his two sons, Captains Claude and Raul, two of the most successful soldier riders, are as keen on 'chasing as he is himself, it has been of the greatest convenience. He has had a good deal of shooting and pig-sticking in North and East Africa, and in 1907 succeeded Lord Mansfield as President of the Amateur Diving Association. He has saved some lives, and was presented with the Royal Humane Society's medal, on a full dress parade at Winchester, about 1878.

He received the Balloon Society's gold medal after covering the North Sea, and was in the winning balloon in the international contest of 1908 with thirty starters; in 1896 he published *The Sporting Memoirs of Sir Claude Champion de Crespigny*.

He is a member of the Caledonian and Sports Clubs, and lives at Champion Lodge, Malden, Essex.

MR. THOMAS MOY, J.P., who was Mayor of Colchester for two years, in 1878-79, is the son of the late Mr. John Moy, of Colchester; he was born on February 17th, 1831, and was educated privately. He married Jane, daughter of Mr. Charles Hicks, of Great Holland Hall, Essex.

Though accustomed to ride from a boy, he did not follow hounds regularly until 1855, when he became a member of the Essex and Suffolk, and has remained so ever since. This Hunt, of which Mr. Moy is chairman, has for some twenty-five years past held their first meet at his residence, Stanway Hall, near Colchester. For nearly a similar period he has hunted with the East Essex Hounds, and earlier in life he was a follower of the Waverney Stag hounds in Suffolk. Among his many good horses was the famous 'Tom o' Lincoln, who carried him for thirteen seasons. Old Ben Morgan (who hunted the hounds on this horse as a four-year-old) once said to him, "You've got a good horse there, sir; I wish I were as sure of getting to heaven as I am of getting to the end of the longest run on 'Tom o' Lincoln.'" An Irish horse, Mullingar, was a wonder through deep ground and a very safe mount. As a breeder and exhibitor of shires, Mr. Moy was formerly successful at the local shows, but has not



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MR. T. MOY.

followed it up for some years past; he is very fond of looking after his farm and estate when business allows him the time to do so; being an early riser, when there is no hunting on hand he is on his horse every morning before breakfast.

Mr. Moy is one of the original members of the Constitutional Club.



SIR C. C. DE CRESPIGNY, BART.

Sir C. C. de
Crespigny,
Bt.Mr. T.
Moy.

**Mr. F. M.
Wallis.**

MR. FREDERIC MORTON WALLIS, M.R.C.V.S., was born on November 1th, 1857, and is the son of the late Mr. William Sheppard Wallis, F.R.C.V.S., of Halstead, Essex. His hunting has been confined to the East Essex Foxhounds, which he has followed since a boy.

He is Vice-Chairman of the Halstead Urban District Council, and an ex-President of the Eastern Counties Veterinary Medical Society, and lives at Sunnyside, Halstead, Essex.

**Captain
F. C.
Watson.**

CAPTAIN FORRESTER COLVIN WATSON was born on July 26th, 1878, and began hunting at the age of six, principally with the East Essex and Essex and Suffolk Hounds.



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CAPTAIN F. C. WATSON.

Educated at Rugby, he subsequently went out to Ceylon, where he was for a short period engaged in tea planting, and hunted with the Errobody Foxhounds. Returning to England in 1899, he, in the following year, joined the 7th Dragoon Guards, with whom he served through the South African Campaign, receiving both the Queen's and the King's medals, with clasps.

Since the war Captain Watson's hunting seasons, necessarily of short duration, have been spent with the Meynell, East Essex, Essex, and East Kent, and occasional days with the Mid Kent and Essex Stag-hounds.

In 1908 he became the owner of Libremont, on whom he is depicted in the illustration; this good horse has carried him well to hounds and in point-to-point races.

Captain Watson being now adjutant of the Essex Yeomanry is able to devote more time to hunting; he is a regular follower of the East Essex.

THE ESSEX AND SUFFOLK.

SUPEREROGANT would it be to refer to the antiquity of hunting in Essex. In connection with the chase of the fox there is a notable allusion, however, to which Mr. Round draws attention. On October 15th, 1531, young Gregory Cromwell, then at school with the rector of Toppesfield, writes to his father, "Master Cromwell: "Father, I besetch you when ye meet wyth the ryght honourable lord of Oxforth to geve thanks unto hys Lorchyp for whan he came to a town called Yeldam to the parsons thereof to hunte the foxe he sent for me and my cossyns and mad us good chere and lett us see schurch game and plesure as I never saye in my lyfe."

The Earl in question was "little John of Camper," in connection with whose predecessor Cardinal Wolsey issued an admonition to the effect that: "The said Earl shall alsoe moderate his huntinge or other disporte or haunteinge or usinge the same excessively daily or customarily but onely at such times and seasons as maie be convenient for the weale and recreacion of his bodie, and as by the saddest and most discreeteste of his servauntes shalbee advised and thoughte expedient."

Morant, in Essex (1768), refers to Rockels Wood in Arkesden as the "joy of foxhunters." The times, however, would appear to have changed later, as the bills of the churchwarden and overseers of Ardleigh show that from 1788 to 1809 they were in the habit of paying 6s. 8d. for the trapping or killing a bitch fox. This practice would seem to have been in vogue until about the time when the advent of men with money, who regularly hunted the fox, obtained for poor reynard a little law.

The initiation of the Essex and Suffolk pack is usually associated with the name of Mr. Charles Newman, but this seems to be an error. There can be no doubt that Mr. Newman hunted a part of the country; we have no evidence, however, that his hounds were known as the Essex and Suffolk. It is equally certain that he had a predecessor in the person of Sir William Rowley, who lived at Tendring Hall, Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, on the borders of the county. He died in 1790, but his son for many years hunted fox both in Essex and Suffolk. So successful was he, that a fine run of his was described as the best since the days of Sir William Rowley. He was a power in the district, and in later life represented Suffolk in the House of Commons for eighteen years.

The later history of the Hunt is usually associated with Mr. Carrington Nunn, banker, of Manningtree, who is traditionally said to have been in the possession of the country for about half a century, and to have been assisted in the management by his brother Tom, familiarly known as "Hal" Nunn. Mr. Carrington Nunn would appear to have been of frugal mind, his horses being creaks of the weirdest description, he, although a rich man, contenting himself with a stable of one at a time. There was an interregnum during the time of King Nunn, when a Bath doctor of the name of Mules took office from 1829 to 1832, and such good sport did he show, after the somewhat wearying methods of his predecessor, that the delighted members of the Hunt presented him with a gold cup on his retirement. In those days the Hunt was known as the Essex and Suffolk Border Hounds, or simply as the Border Hunt. It is related that the pack at this period was recruited by drafts from Squire Farquharson's, and that one hound with a homing instinct in him found his way back to Dorsetshire, but being returned, proved a tower of strength to the pack.

"Great credit is due to Mr. Nunn," says a writer in the *New Sporting Magazine*, "for the perfection he has brought them to in the short space of two seasons. Mr. Nunn hunts the hounds himself, assisted by William Nevard and Culff as whippers-in. They have had quite their share of sport this season, hunting twice a week only, and having killed eighteen brace of foxes."

When Mr. Carrington Nunn got too old to carry the horn, his brother Tom's son, Mr. Tom Nunn, acted as Field-Master, having William Barton as his huntsman. Mr. Nunn was killed by a fall from his cart when returning to his home after seeing to a litter of cubs. He was succeeded by a good sportsman, Mr. William Henry White, a previous Master of the Cheltenham Staghounds.



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THE ESSEX AND SUFFOLK (1908). MR. A. SOWLER (MASTER).

He built new kennels at Stratford St. Mary, strengthened the pack by drafts presented by Lord Henry Bentinck, and, after trying various professional huntsmen, carried the horn himself, showing splendid sport. The farmers entered thoroughly into the spirit of the thing. In 1865, Mr. T. W. Nunn, who had come into his uncle's property, built kennels at Little Bromley Hall, purchased Mr. White's hounds, and hunted the country until the death of his wife in 1871. He was followed by Mr. H. D. Dove, a keen lover of sport, who kennelled the hounds at Stratford St. Mary, where they are still housed. In 1874, Lieut.-Colonel Jeff-Sharp, of the Coldstream Guards, took office for two seasons, and was in turn followed by Captain (now Colonel) Tyssen Holroyd (1876-78), and Mr. Charles Chaston, a great riding man (1878-80). Mr. T. W. Nunn again accepted office from 1880 to 1881, when he was succeeded by the seven years' Mastership of Mr. P. G. Barthropp. In 1892, Mr. R. B. (now Lieut.-Colonel) Colvin took office for three seasons, to be followed, 1895-97, by Mr. P. A. O. Whitaker, who afterwards became Master of the Oakley. Mr. C. K. Norman followed 1897-1902. Mr. H. N. Dunnett then took office for a couple of seasons until 1904, when Mr. G. K. B. Norman, who had for some years been Secretary of the Hunt, took premier honours. He resigned in 1907, in which year Mr. A. Sowler became Master.



MR. T. W. NUNN.

There can be no doubt that the Essex and Suffolk were first hunted under that name by MR. CARRINGTON NUNN, the banker of Manningtree. His brother "Hal," who assisted him, would appear to have been of a less morose turn of mind than the Master, whose one whipper-in worked on his farm on non-hunting days.

Mr. C.
Nunn
—Master.

The pair would seem to have shown fine sport. They hunted the north-eastern corner of Essex on Fridays, and Suffolk on Tuesdays. One of their runs, described as brilliant, is thus detailed in Vol. XI of the *New Sporting Magazine* (1836); the pack is there called the Essex and Suffolk:—"On the 15th inst. these hounds met at St. Osyth Flag in their Essex country. The first place they drew was Riddle's Wood, where it was evident a fox was on foot. The hounds did not get settled to him for some time, but through a lucky holloa got at last close to his brush, and ran him a sharp burst of forty-five minutes and lost him. The next place they were thrown into was Weeley Hall Wood, where young Remnant soon began to challenge. He was quickly joined by the rest of the pack and the cheers of their gallant huntsman, Carrington Nunn, Esq. Sly reynard soon took the hint, and was off like a bird, crossing the Lodge Farm for Weeley Street, which he passed on his left to Keys Grove, taking the Bottoms below Tendrings Street on to the Sallow plantation at Bentley, through Bentley Hall Wood to the Parsonage, where he made a sharp head for Bromley Thickets. Here the hounds came to a short check, when the scent was picked up by Old Royal down a blackthorn fence, and out bolted Charley in view of the whole pack. They set at him in right earnest, going at a slapping pace through Bentley Hall Wood, Mr. Brown's plantation, and to Tendrings, there crossing the river to Key's Grove in gallant style pointing for Tendring Mill, where he made a head for Gravel Wood, which he skirted, bearing to the right for Beaumont and Thorpe Green, crossing the brook below Thorpe Street to Weeley Hall Wood, through which he went without a stop to Spanall's Wood and Maldon Wood. He again faced the open to Riddle's Wood, where he made some work, and it was supposed he must die, but reynard, game to the last, once more broke cover, which those who had the good luck to reach thus far were soon told by the huntsman's well-known voice singing, "Forward they go! Forward they go! Forward they go!" And forward they did go at a killing pace for Milton Wood, Guttridge Hall, turning to the left over the brook for Weeley Street, which he passed on his right, then making a sharp head and going back nearly on the same line through Boroshots and Maldon Wood, where the hounds ran into him in capital style after a run of four hours and a-half almost without a check. This fox must have been an extraordinary animal; he could not have gone over less than forty miles of country, and a great

**Mr. C.
Nunn.**

part of it at a rattling pace. Out of forty horses that started in the morning from the place of meeting, there were not more than seven in at the death." Of course, due allowance has to be made for the exuberance of the writer under such circumstances, at the same time it must have been a wonderful run and a great fox.

**Mr. P. G.
Barthroppe
—Master.**

Coming of a good sporting stock, Mr. P. G. BARTHROPPE was the son of the late Mr. N. G. Barthropp, of Hacheston, his mother being a descendant of Bonnie Bobbie Shafto. Mr. Duncan Shafto, who died in 1890, at an advanced age, was the latest head of the family to pass away. He will be remembered as a great lover of the Turf, and one of the heavy bettors of the last century.

The late Mr. N. G. Barthropp, a good sportsman, hunted his own hounds in Suffolk for some twenty years, and his son, the subject of these notes, was in the vernacular "a chip of the old block" from his youth up. After a preparatory course, he went to the Lycée Imperial, a military school in France, and from thence to Cowbridge School in Wales, at the conclusion of which course he was sent to Trinidad to study sugar planting on the noted Harmony Hall Estate. So well did he master his subject that during his year as a young man in the West Indies, the sugar made by him brought the best price in our London market. Going to America, he accepted a bounty to serve with the army of the north under General Sherman. In one of the actions in which his regiment took part they were engaged three days and nights. He was invalided, but fought again in Canada during the Fenian rising. Subsequently, hanging up his arms, he became a respected member of the Stock Exchange.

Lord Rendlesham, who had been hunting harriers, succeeded to a pack of foxhounds which had been directed by Sir Edward Kerrison, when that gentleman retired. To fill the vacancy caused was not an easy one, but, fortunately, in the nick of time, Mr. Barthropp came forward with an offer to hunt the hare, and stepping into the breach, not only showed excellent sport, but also acted as Honorary Secretary to the Waveney Staghounds until the disbandment of that pack.

When, in 1885, Mr. J. M. King took the Mastership of the Suffolk, Mr. Barthropp was asked to accept the guidance of the Essex and Suffolk, which he agreed to do. This was far from easy, as the dissensions between Essex and Suffolk, from a hunting point of view, have passed into a proverb. That he succeeded is a matter of hunting history, and reflects great credit upon his tact and capacity as a sportsman. Nor is the country by any means an easy one, being often of a trappy nature. Indeed, only those who can speak from experience know the exact width of those Essex ditches.

**Colonel T.
T. Holroyd
—Master,
1876-78.**

COLONEL TYSEN T. HOLROYD, the son of the Rev. J. J. Holroyd, M.A., Rector of Abberton, Essex, was born on January 11th, 1838, and ten years later began to follow hounds. He was educated at Marlborough College and then entered the Army. Although most closely associated with the Essex and Suffolk, of which he was Master from 1876 to 1878, the Colonel has hunted with many packs, including among others, Llangibby and Chepstow, the Tedworth, the Warwickshire, and the North Warwickshire. He is fond of shooting, and lives at Donyland Lodge, near Colchester.

**Mr. C. K.
Norman
Master,
1897-1902.**

In common with so many of our keen sportsmen, Mr. CHARLES KENSIT NORMAN is the son of a clergyman, his father, the Rev. Canon Norman, having been Honorary Canon of St. Albans, and Rector of Mistley-cum-Bradfield, Essex. Himself a J.P. and County Councillor for the East Bergholt Division of East Suffolk, Mr. Norman was born on March 18th, 1857, and educated at Eton, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he took his M.A. degree. At both seats of learning he was in the boats.



COLONEL TYSEN T. HOLROYD.

Beginning to hunt with the Essex and Suffolk Foxhounds in 1879, he frequently followed the pack until 1902. In 1897 he was asked to, and accepted, the Mastership. During his term of office he was a frequent exhibitor at Peterborough. In 1901 he obtained a second for unentered doghounds with Bruiser, which, we believe, was the first occasion of the Essex and Suffolk scoring at the great showing centre.

He married, in 1901, Constance Vera, eldest daughter of Mr. William Walton, J.P., of Horsley Priory, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.

A member of the United University Club, he resides at Brantham Court, Manningtree, Essex.

The late Master of the Essex and Suffolk, Mr. GEORGE K. BARNABAS NORMAN, of Mistley Place, Manningtree, was born in 1865, and is a son of Canon Norman. He and his brother, Mr. Charles

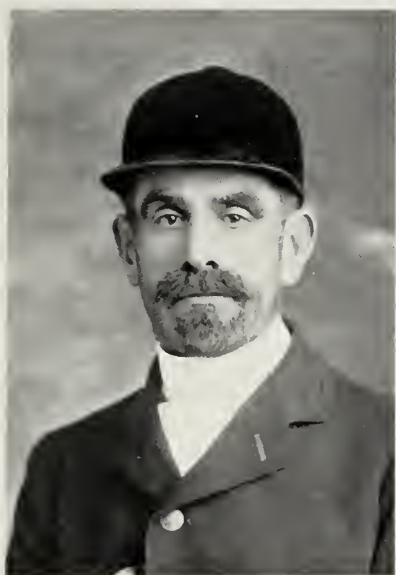


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MR. G. K. B. NORMAN.

K. Norman, have done a vast deal for the Essex and Suffolk, for which the country cannot be too grateful. In addition to the onerous duties of M.F.H., Mr. G. K. B. Norman also acted in the capacity of Hunt Honorary Secretary from 1900 until 1904. After the ordinary *curriculum* at Eton, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Mr. Norman was enabled to indulge freely in his love of hunting, the taste for which had been whetted in his youth. Champion, the best hunter of his stud, has given Mr. Norman some splendid gallops to hounds; and as for his late pack itself, it is interesting to note that the Essex and Suffolk carried off the second prize at Peterborough in 1905, with Gainer and Galliard, a source of no small gratification to both Mr. Norman and his huntsman, Tom Darch.

MR. ARTHUR SOWLER, the present Master of the Essex and Suffolk, is the son of the late Sir Thomas Sowler, of Victoria Park, Manchester. Born on February 6th, 1875, and educated at Eton, he has followed many packs, including the Duke of Beaufort's, Lord Fitzhardinge's, the Garth, Cheshire, Sir Watkin Wym's, Grove, Rufford, Lord Harrington's, the Royal Buckhounds, North Shropshire, and the Berks and Bucks Harriers. In 1905 he became Joint-Master of the Tenat-Side Harriers, and started the East Suffolk Harriers in the following year. He accepted the Mastership of the Essex and Suffolk in 1907.

As a breeder and exhibitor of hunters he has been successful, winning many cups and medals at various shows throughout the kingdom. Three of the best of the many fine hunters he has owned at various times are Maisie, by Stackpole, dam by Bay President, who carried him four seasons, and won many prizes in the show ring; Scamp, an Irish-bred horse, and Stonham.

In the summer, Mr. Sowler has played polo a good deal, and driven various road coaches. He is a member of the Sports Club, and lives at The Kennels, Stratford St. Mary, Colechester, Essex.

The Honorary Secretary of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt, LIEUT.-COLONEL HENRY JAMES LERMITTE is the eldest son of the late Mr. James Henry Lermite, J.P., of Knightons, Finchley, Middlesex.

Born on September 11th, 1858, he was educated at Eton, where he went in for rowing, subsequently entering the 5th Dragoon Guards, and afterwards joining the 21st Scots Fusiliers. He retired from active service in 1894. He began hunting as a boy, early experiences being with the Southdown, the Hertfordshire, and the Sussex packs. In addition to this, when a schoolboy, he whipped in to

Mr. C. K.
Norman.

Mr. G. K. B.
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—Master,
1904-07.

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LT.-COL. AND MRS. LERMITTE.

Lt.-Col.
H. J.
Lermite
—Hon.
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**Lt.-Col.
H. J.
Lermitte.**

Mr. C. H. Miles' Drag, which hunted over the Harrow country. Since that time he has followed practically all the principal packs in England and Ireland, besides having seven seasons with Lord Eglinton's pack in Scotland, being made a member of the Hunt. He varied matters by stag-hunting in France. Becoming a member of the Essex and Suffolk in 1894, he has twice been Honorary Secretary to the Hunt, 1896-1900, and from 1907 to the present time. During the interval he was called out as a reserve officer. He has since served in the Essex Yeomanry.

Among the many capital performers in the field which he has owned, Samson, by Young Makehaste, Silverspring, by Mariner, and Maytime, by Springtime, by Springfield, deserve special mention. Samson carried him for twelve seasons in Essex, Suffolk, and Leicestershire; Silverspring for eleven in Great Britain and Ireland, and Maytime is still going.

The Colonel has ridden in point-to-point races and steeplechases, played polo, and done some big-game shooting in India. He has also acted as Field-Master of the Essex and Suffolk throughout the present Mastership.

Lieut.-Colonel Lermitte married Susan Ismay, only child of Mr. W. H. West, J.P., of Farmley, county Wexford, and grand-daughter of the late Mr. W. Bolton, of The Island, county Wexford, who, like his father, was a Master of the Island Pack, now known as the Carlow and Island. It is matter for no surprise that Mrs. Lermitte is a lover of horse and hound. She is recognized as a most accomplished horsewoman, is a familiar figure with the Essex and Suffolk, and knows more about foxhunting than most women, besides being of great assistance to the Colonel in his secretarial duties. Although only born seven years ago (1901), her little daughter is already riding with hounds.

Fond of all out-door recreations, especially hunting, shooting, and fishing, Colonel Lermitte is a member of the Naval and Military Club, and resides at Woodhouse, Great Horkesley, Colchester, which he farms.

**Lt.-Col.
E. M.
Alderson.**

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL EDWARD MOTT ALDERSON, of Pape House, Ipswich, is the son of the late Rev. R. J. C. Alderson, J.P., of Wetherden, near Stowmarket. Educated at King Edward VI. School at Bury St. Edmund's, he chose the profession of arms, and in 1854 joined the 97th Foot. Serving through the Crimean Campaign, he was present at the fall of Sebastopol. He then joined the P.W.O. Norfolk Artillery, retiring with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

His earliest experience in the hunting field was as a boy of six years of age, with the Suffolk, then under the Mastership of Mr. John Josselyn. After his retirement from the Army in 1860, he became a regular follower of the Essex and Suffolk, then under Mr. W. H. White. For about forty years he has been Chairman of the Committee of the Ipswich Hunt and Steeplechase Races; he is one of the oldest subscribers to the Essex and Suffolk Hunt. Two of his best hunters have been Lady Jane, whom he rode for seventeen seasons, and Maid of all Work, who carried him for eight. He has been a breeder of hunters for his own use for many years, and during the period has done a good deal of steeplechasing and hurdle racing.

He still shoots occasionally, but owing to advancing years has retired from the hunting field.



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LIEUT.-COLONEL E. M. ALDERSON.

**Miss A. F.
Boghurst-
Fisher.**

MISS AGNES FANNY BOGHURST-FISHER is a member of a notable hunting family, as she is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. William Philip Boghurst, of Frating Abbey, grand-daughter of Mr. John Boghurst, also of Frating Abbey, and great-grand-daughter of Mr. Philip Boghurst, a former Master of Foxhounds in Kent.

With such friends to the sport as forbears, small wonder that Miss Boghurst-Fisher was early initiated to the saddle. At seven years of age she accompanied her father on several occasions with the Essex and Suffolk, of which pack she has since been a regular follower, taking occasional

days with the East Essex and the Essex Union. To recall a couple of her favourite hunters, we may mention Silverlocks, an Irish horse, and King Fisher. The latter, which she rode for twelve seasons, had to be shot in his twenty-fourth year, at the end of 1907.

Miss A. F. Boghurst-Fisher.



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MISS A. F. BOGHURST-FISHER.

Miss Boghurst-Fisher has, on an average, three days a week, and shows her interest in the pack by walking puppies. In this she has been most successful, having taken prizes. She resides at Copdock, Ipswich, Suffolk.

MR. FREDERICK HENRY BOWCHER, B.A., was born on November 7th, 1876, and is the son of Mr. Frederick Bowcher, of Hillside, Higham. He studied for the law, taking his degree in 1900.

Mr. F. H. Bowcher.

He hunted first with the Essex and Suffolk, when Colonel Colvin was Master, and has always followed the pack, having occasional days with the Suffolk,

Mr. Burton's Stag, and for two seasons with the Warwickshire.

He has owned some good hunters, two of them being Maxim, whom he rode in the Bar Heavy-Weight Point-to-Point, beating a very celebrated point-to-point racer called Cromoboo, and Sunny, by Soleil d'Or, which was a very clever performer. Mr. Bowcher is interested in bloodstock. A keen fox preserver, he lives at Hillside, Higham, Suffolk.

Land agent for Caius College, Cambridge, an exhibitor and breeder of hunters and 13.2 ponies, an experienced organizer of point-to-point fixtures, it follows, as a matter of course, that our subject, MR. CHARLES HENRY CHISNALL, should hunt. Born on May 26th, 1859, he is the son of the late Mr. Thomas Chisnall, of Hadleigh, Suffolk, and was educated at Framlingham College, in that county.

Mr. C. H. Chisnall.

Since he was fifteen years of age he has hunted with the Essex and Suffolk regularly, with days off, as a matter of course. These have usually been enjoyed with the East Essex, Suffolk, the Burton Staghounds, and West Kent Foxhounds. Possessed of many fine hunters in his time, possibly the best was Nelson, which once carried Prince Francis of Teck, when he was stationed at Colchester. This horse he rode fourteen seasons, during which period he only gave Mr. Chisnall two falls. He was a wonderful fencer, and won the Farmers' Race at Colchester. Friar, an Irish horse, who carried him three seasons, was also a goer, and once jumped the Weeley Brook, where it measured twenty-five feet across. Farming over 800 acres in Essex and Suffolk, he has been a successful exhibitor of hunters and ponies at the local shows.



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MR. C. H. CHISNALL.

A keen fox preserver, he has not been without a litter of cubs on his land since 1881. This is the more commendable, as he is a recognized shot, and naturally keen to have a good head of game. A member of St. Runwald's Club, Colchester, his residence is Frating Abbey, Colchester.

LADY EVELYN COBBOLD has followed hounds all her life, and is a well-known rider in the shires. A daughter of the seventh Earl of Dunmore, she married, in 1891, Mr. John Dupuis Cobbold, of the Holy Wells, Suffolk. Although her beautiful home is in the Suffolk country, she

Lady E. Cobbold.

**Lady E.
Cobbold.****Mr. R. F.
Cross.**

Photo by Elliott and Fry. MISS PAMELA COBBOLD.

spends part of the season at Melton, where she rents a hunting box, and from there hunts with the Quorn, the Belvoir, and Cottesmore. In Ireland she has followed the Kildare and the Kilkenny, and in this country the Bicester, the Whaddon Chase, and many others, besides those mentioned above. Her hunters are thoroughbreds, of which she never has less than six. Lady Evelyn occasionally hunts with the Essex and Suffolk and the Suffolk.

Mr. Cobbold is a noted big-game shot, and the many fine trophies at Holy Wells bear witness to the success he has met with in different parts of the globe.

Miss Pamela Cobbold, though only eight years old, rides well, and gives every indication of following her mother's example.

MR. ROBERT FRANKS CROSS, a District Councillor for the Tendring Hundred, is a well-known figure with the Essex and Suffolk. Born on June 29th, 1853, he



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. R. F. CROSS.

is the son of Mr. Robert Cross, of St. Osyth, Essex, a gentleman, by the way, who at the time of writing is in his eighty-seventh year, and the oldest riding member of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt, which he still follows. Mr. Cross eventually took up farming. Since eight years of age he has regularly followed the pack. His experiences have been varied by days with the Quorn, Mr. Fernie's, the East Essex, and Suffolk. In 1892, Mr. Cross began collecting funds for the Earth-stoppers' and Keepers' Annual Dinner, given at St. Osyth, for those belonging to the Tendring Hundred. He still continues this office, and is himself guarantor.

**Mr.
F. W.
Dudding**

Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. R. CROSS.

Mr. Cross makes his own hunters, and always rides young horses. He has had many fine performers, and his share of successes as a breeder and exhibitor at the shows. He is also experienced in point-to-point racing. In 1880 he married Edith, second daughter of the late Mr. W. G. Seragg, of Great Clacton, Essex.

Next to hunting, shooting is his favourite pastime. A member of the Tendring Hundred Farmers' Club, he resides at Frowick Hall, St. Osyth, Essex.

MR. FREDERICK WALTER DUDDING, land agent to Lord de Saumarez, for whom he manages some 17,000 acres, is well known in his country. He is the son of the late Mr. J. Walter Dudding, of Howell Hall, near Sleaford, Lincolnshire; he was born on September 22nd, 1850, and educated at Marlborough College. He began hunting very early in life with the Burton, Lord Henry Bentinck being Master at the time. He afterwards followed the pack as a schoolboy, and subsequently hunted with the Blankney, Belvoir, and Southwold, until he was thirty-seven years of age. After that he took up his residence near Ipswich,

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Mr. Arthur N. Garland.



Mrs. Garland.

and became a "regular" with the Essex and Suffolk. Besides looking keenly after the welfare of foxes, he is a preserver of the otters in that portion of the country hunted by the Essex Otter-hounds. He has also walked foxhound puppies for many years. When professional duties allow, shooting occupies some of his attention. He is a member of the Ipswich Club, the Essex and Suffolk Hunt Committee, and also of the Ipswich Race Committee.

Mr. F. W. Dudding.

MR. CHARLES EDMUND TAYLOR EAGLE, of Wix Abbey, Manningtree, son of the late Mr. Edward Clay Eagle, was born on February 11th, 1848. He has been a regular follower of the Essex and Suffolk since a lad of thirteen, and is now one of its senior riding members.

Mr. C. E. T. Eagle.

A very clever mare was his bay, whom he rode for fifteen seasons; also Templar, by Knight Templar, which carried him for nine seasons.

Lord of the Manors of Harwich, Dovercourt, and Ramsey, county Essex, MR. ARTHUR NATHANIEL GARLAND is a son of the Rev. Nathaniel Arthur Garland, M.A., of Tunbridge Wells, and grandson of Mr. Nathaniel Garland, of Michaelstow Hall, Essex. Born on June 9th, 1846, he was introduced to the saddle as a boy of seven years of age. After completing his studies he, in the early seventies, migrated to the River Plate, where he turned his attention to sheep and cattle raising; and enjoyed much steeplechasing and racing on the flat. Returning to England in 1900, he devoted himself to hunting. Becoming a member of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt in 1903 he has since almost exclusively followed this pack, the exceptions being in the shape of occasional days with Mr. Burton's Staghounds and the East Suffolk Harriers.

Mr. A. N. Garland.

In 1904 he married Evelyn Lisa Alice, daughter of the late Mr. Victor Chevalley de Rivaz. Mrs. Garland is a very accomplished horsewoman, and upon her favourite hunters, Rattlecash and Sunset, is well known as a follower of the Essex and Suffolk. In addition, she is a breeder of hackneys. She always trains her own horses, and drives her exhibits in the show ring, where she has scored frequently, her show cob Heacham being well known throughout the Eastern counties; she is as keen as her husband on all outdoor sports. Their son, Victor Garland, although born only three years ago (1905), figures in all photographs of the meets which have taken place at the family mansion, Michaelstow Hall, Dovercourt, Essex.

Their daughter, Miss Clarice Garland, is also a keen follower of the Essex and Suffolk.

Mr. Garland's stables have sheltered some first-class animals, among them the best was probably Mosquito, by Ankle Biter, well known in his country as good both at timber and water. When hunting is impracticable, shooting and golf are favourite changes of occupation.

MR. EDWARD HAY GURNEY was born on October 12th, 1866, and is the son of the late Mr. F. Hay Gurney, of Thickethorn, Norwich. He was educated at Harrow, and Trinity College, Cambridge, and, in 1894, married Isabel, daughter of Mr. S. G. Buxton, of Catton Hall, Norwich.

Mr. E. H. Gurney.



His hunting experiences began with the Shotisham Harriers; he hunted with them, the West Norfolk Foxhounds, and Norwich Staghounds until 1904, when he became a regular follower of the Essex and Suffolk, of which Hunt he is a guarantor. He has taken part in point-to-point races, and is a keen participator of all out-door sports. He belongs to the New Club, London, and resides at Stone Lodge, Ipswich.

Introduced to the saddle in India when a child of four, MISS HENRIETTA SELINA ORD is the youngest daughter of the late Captain Alfred Robert Ord, of Bury St. Edmund's. On coming to England she became

Miss H. S. Ord.

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MISS H. S. ORD.

a follower of the Suffolk Hounds, with which she hunted for fifteen seasons, subsequently turning

**Miss H. S.
Ord.**

her attention to the Essex and Suffolk. That pack has monopolized most of her hunting days, but she has devoted spare time to the Quorn, Pytchley, Mr. Fernie's, the Newmarket and Thurlow, Essex Union, East Essex, and the Devon and Somerset and Essex Staghounds. In 1901-02 Miss Ord had her record season, being out on fifty-six days on two of her hunters, with only an occasional mount. Two of her best performers in the field have been Molly Bawn, which she rode nine seasons, and Top Thorn, both well known in her country. An exhibitor of her own hunters, she has taken several prizes at the local shows.

At the Diana Rifle Club, Colchester, her name is well known as a first-class shot, for she has won many valuable prizes. Sea fishing and yachting are among her favourite pastimes. She resides at Beverley Lodge, Colchester.

**Mr. A. T.
Osborne.**

MR. ARTHUR THOMAS OSBORNE, the son of the late Mr. John Posford Osborne, of Colchester, was born on March 7th, 1830. He commenced hunting with the Essex and Suffolk, under the Mastership of Mr. Carrington Nunn, in about the year 1844, and regularly followed the pack for fifty years. Some of his finest hunters were Cock Robin, whom he rode for five seasons; Shamrock, which carried him for fourteen seasons; and Satan, who afterwards became the property of Mr. Parry, Master of the Puckeridge. He has been a breeder of hunters, and was one of the early showers in Essex, and also one of the guarantors of the Essex and Suffolk for a great number of years. His residence is Altnaccagach House, Park Road, Colchester.

**Mr. L. E.
Pretty.**

MR. LEONARD ERNEST PRETTY, of Gresham Lodge, Ipswich, son of Mr. William Pretty, of Goldrood, Ipswich, one of the oldest supporters of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt, was born on September 11th, 1870. He has had a wide experience of hunting; his first day being with the Essex and Suffolk in 1876, and he has been a regular follower of the pack since. He hunts also with Mr. Burton's Stag-hounds, and has had occasional days with the Quorn and Mr. Fernie's. He has also had some experience of hunting in Australia. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Essex and Suffolk Foxhounds, and was previously Secretary to a private Covert Fund. He still looks after Middlewood, which is one of the most important coverts in the Hunt.



MR. L. E. PRETTY.

Two of his best hunters were Mad Mullah and Cotswold, with the latter of whom he won the Colneis Harrier Point-to-Point Race in 1894. He has taken part in various point-to-point races, and on several occasions has been successful.

He is well known in connection with lawn tennis, and also with figure skating; he is one of the earliest holders of the National Skating Association gold badge.

**Mr. W. H.
Richardson.**

MR. WILLIAM HALLS RICHARDSON was born on February 8th, 1847, and is the son of the late Mr. William Scrivener Richardson, of Layer-de-la-Haye, Essex. His first hunting was with the Essex and Suffolk, in Captain W. H. White's time, in 1860, by whom he was blooded; he has regularly followed the pack since, and has had occasional days with the East Essex.

He lives at Dale Hall, Lawford, Manningtree, where he farms 450 acres.

**Mr. W. F.
Scarfe.**

MR. WILLIAM FERDINAND SCARFE, son of the late Mr. Thomas Nunn Scarfe, J.P., of The Brooks, Bildesdon, Suffolk, was born in 1872. Since the age of ten years he has been well known in the Essex and Suffolk country.

One of his finest hunters, whom he rode for a few seasons, and one well known with the Essex and Suffolk, was The Rector, a black cob; a very fine timber and water jumper. As a breeder and

exhibitor of horses at the various local shows, he has been fairly successful, winning several prizes. He is a very keen preserver of foxes, is fond of shooting and fishing, and lives at The Brooks, Bildesdon, Suffolk.

Mr. W. F. Scarfe.

MR. CHARLES MAURICE STANFORD, F.S.L., son of the late Mr. Frederick Stanford, of Honbridge Hall, Great Oakley, Essex, was born on February 28th, 1846, educated privately, and subsequently followed the professions of surveyor, agent, engineer, and farmer. In 1881 he married Louisa Blanche, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Charles Taylor, of Mistley House, Essex.

Mr. C. M. Stanford.

He first commenced hunting when fifteen years of age with the Essex and Suffolk, then under the Mastership of Captain White (by whom he was blooded), and followed the pack until 1867; he

has been a keen man to hounds for nearly fifty years. When a pupil to Mr. K. Cooper, agent to the Duke of Grafton, he followed the Suffolk, Mr. Angerstein's Staghounds, and Lord Hastings' Foxhounds. Moving to "Orfedness," he hunted with Lord Rendlesham's Harriers for about three seasons. Returning, in 1873, to Honbridge Hall (where he was born), he at once became a member of the Essex and Suffolk, and the East Essex packs, which he followed until the commencement of the season 1905, when an accident in the hunting field prevented him riding for two years.

Shamrock, an Irish horse, a marvellous timber jumper, whom he rode for four seasons; Clommel, an Irish mare, a tremendous stayer; Counters, winner of the Norfolk Staghounds' Point-to-Point, and Swift, by Blue Eagle, who is generally to be found near the hounds, are some of the many good hunters he has

owned and ridden. As a breeder and exhibitor of hacks and hunters he has been fairly successful, winning numerous prizes at the various local shows. Mr. Stanford has ridden in silk, but does not particularly care about it.

He is very fond of all out-door sports, was for many years a cricketer, and is still a tennis player; in addition, he is a very keen gardener and rose grower, seldom failing to get his name into the prize list (amateur classes). He is a non-playing member of the Colchester Golf Club.

For a number of years he has been a guarantor of the Essex and Suffolk, as well as a member of the Executive Committee. It is interesting to note that Mr. Stanford, in conjunction with Messrs. Mumford and Bland, for many years has hired the Hockley Wood Coverts, at Thorington for the preservation of foxes, which up to the period of writing, have never once been drawn blank. They have no keeper, and are shot over but twice a year.

He walked puppies for many years when residing at Oakley, and now lives at Braiswick House, Colchester.

MR. ROWLAND CHARLES TAYLOR, M.R.C.V.S., was born on November 24th, 1868, and is the son of the late Mr. Rowland Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., of Colchester, Essex. He was educated at the Veterinary College, London, and in 1897 he married Alice Maude, grand-daughter of the late Admiral Manaton Ommanney. When only five years old he commenced hunting with the Essex and Suffolk, on his Shetland pony, which pack he still continues to follow. He has also hunted with the East Essex, the Essex Union, the Blackmore Vale, as well as with the Suffolk Staghounds.



Mr. R. C. Taylor.

Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. R. C. TAYLOR.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. C. M. STANFORD.

Mr. R. C.
Taylor.

During his career he has owned and ridden many horses, but his two best were Buttons, by Revenge (winner of the Novices' Steeplechase at Chelmsford in 1893, and running second in many other such races), and Chester, an "Australian Waler" (winner of the Essex and Suffolk Point-to-Point Race, also a Hurdle Race, at Colchester, against Mr. Bernard's Crumpet, getting placed in many other points-to-points); this horse was particularly well known in the jumping ring. Mr. Taylor has taken part in many steeplechases and points-to-points, and has been victorious on several occasions.

He lives at Queen Street, Colchester, Essex.

Mr. S. A.
Weeley.

A descendant of the old yeoman families of England, Mr. SAMUEL ANDREW WEELEY (D.C. of the Tendring Hundred) was born on October 2nd, 1863. He is the son of Squire Weeley, of Weeley, Essex, whose estate, with manorial rights, has been in the possession of the family since the reign of "Charles I." It is a notable fact that although the father of our subject was born blind, he was extraordinarily clever at riding, and generally went out when hounds came into his neighbourhood. Mr. Weeley began hunting as a six-year-old with the Essex and Suffolk, and has yearly followed the pack since that time. He has bred hunters for his own use for many years, and has owned some first-class performers. As a fox preserver he is amongst the keenest, having one of the largest natural earths in the Essex and Suffolk country, and has preserved for no less than nine different Masters. All is game that comes to him for shelter in this respect, as he has also preserved otters, and occasionally hunts them, when the Essex Otterhounds are out. He is a good shot, and pheasants are also preserved in his covers, affording good sport for his shooting friends.

His grandfather, Mr. Samuel Weeley, owned and hunted a pack of beagles for many years.

In 1906 he married Hebe, third daughter of the late Mr. Lewis George Moore, of Southampton, and relict of Mr. W. T. Fawcus Hill, of Thorpe-le-Soken. Members of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt seized upon the happy occasion to present him with a magnificent silver bowl. Mrs. Weeley now follows the sport on wheels, but up to the time of her marriage was a fine horsewoman, and well known in the hunting field, more especially with the Pytchley. Her daughter, Evelyn, a first-class rider for her age, was blooded by Mr. George Norman, late Master, and her son, Ashton, although keen to hounds, is perhaps more fond of his gun. The family reside at The Lodge, Weeley, which is one of the comfortable homes on the estate.

THE PUCKERIDGE.

THE Puckeridge is a bank and ditch country, consisting almost entirely of plough; the scent is poor, but lies better in wet weather. Its territory extends about twenty-three miles from north to south, and the same distance east to west; it is bounded on the north by the Cambridgeshire and the Newmarket and Thurlow, on the west and south-west by the Hertfordshire, and on the east and south-east by the Essex.

It appears that one of the forebears of Mr. Felix Calvert, of Furneaux Pelham, and of the late Master of the Crawley and Horsham, Colonel Calvert, was part owner of a small pack of hounds which were kept at Cheshunt, near Broxbourne, in 1725. This Mr. Calvert afterwards bought the hounds, and went to live at Albury, where he hunted them in conjunction with Mr. Panton, who, says "Arundel," was probably the father of the Mr. Panton who later on hunted the Thurlow country. The hounds descended to Mr. John Calvert, who owned them till about 1791, when they became a subscription pack, and were called the Hertfordshire.

The Puckeridge country does not seem to have been an attractive one to strangers; the subscription list remained at a low ebb, and the Committee, presumably, had to resort to their own pockets to defray most of the expenses of the upkeep of the pack. Somewhere about the year 1796, Mr. Panton resigned the Thurlow country, parting with the best of his hounds to the Committee of the Hertfordshire, who also took as much of his country as they required. Mr. Panton then satisfied himself with being a subscriber, and took a hunting-box at Ware. The management were assisted by Mr. Sampson Hanbury, of Poles, in 1799, who two years later took sole command, and bought Mr. Coe Pigott's hounds, which had been hunting a part of the country now belonging to the Essex Union and the East Essex.

The Puckeridge kennels were built in Mr. Hanbury's time, and he remained Master till 1832. He was followed by Lord Petre, from the Essex Union (under which Hunt fuller reference will be



From a picture in the possession of Mr. E. E. Buxclay.

JOHN DALYELL.

found), who hunted the Puckeridge country for three years, and then went back to the Essex Union again. Mr. John Dalyell, from Fifeshire, followed him. Mr. John Dalyell, of Lingo, became Master of the Forfarshire in 1831. In 1835 he changed to the Puckeridge country, taking Skinner (first whip) and his hounds with him. He sailed from Dundee with twenty-three couples of hounds, three horses, and two servants, for London—fare, £41 11s. 6d. Mr. Dalyell only hunted the Puckeridge for three seasons, and was then succeeded by Mr. Nicholas Parry (Mr. John Archer Houlton, of Hallingbury Place, having bought the hounds and put in Mr. Parry as

Master). Mr. Parry eventually bought the hounds, and continued hunting the country till 1875. A great part of his life was enthusiastically devoted to hound-breeding, and in consequence, the Puckeridge pack attained a very high order of excellence.

For's Guide gives Simpson as Mr. Parry's huntsman in 1850, and enumerates the following as favourite fixtures: Chipping, Peverills, Bennington Street, St. John's, Walkern, Ware Park, Stansted, Little Hadham, Throcking, Cumberlow Green, Layston Church, Woodside Green, and Aston Bury, and gives the following description: "The Puckeridge country is full of banks and lanes,



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THE PUCKERIDGE (1908).

highly unfavourable to foxhunting. Mr. Parry, however, shows as good sport as it is possible to show in so indifferent a country. He has had great experience in hounds, not only at home, but abroad, having hunted with most packs of repute throughout the kingdom. We wish his lot were cast in a better heritage. The late Mr. Sampson Hanbury kept these hounds for many years, and was a very popular Master. . . . Colonel Cook says that the Hertfordshire (Mr. Hanbury's) lay claim to considerable antiquity with justice, as an earth-stopper has lately proved his grandfather's employment with the pack, then Mr. Calvert's, so far back as 1727. Simpson is one of the quickest huntsmen alive; he lifts hounds with wonderful rapidity, rides by the side of his leading hounds through a whole run, cheers, blows his horn, and appears to frighten a fox to death by his energetic measures."

In 1875, the late Mr. Robert Gosling, of Hassobury, near Bishop's Stortford, purchased the hounds from Mr. Parry, and hunted the whole country till 1885 from his own kennels at Manuden. Mr. Gosling took the greatest interest in the breeding of the hounds; he continued to make use of the same strain introduced by Mr. Parry, and fully maintained the high reputation of the pack.

Ten years later, in 1885, the country was divided, Mr. Gosling continuing to hunt the eastern side, while Mr. F. C. Swindell hunted the remainder from the new kennels which had been built by public subscription at Braughing. This arrangement continued till 1890, when Mr. Gosling transferred his hounds to a Committee, and they were hunted under the name of the Herts and Essex, with Mr. F. S. H. Judd as Field-Master, and subsequently Major Biscoe; Mr. Swindell continuing on the western side.

It would not serve any good purpose to detail at length the reason for the unfortunate split in 1885. The real trouble was the difficulty of finding a Master that was acceptable to all interests in the country. The division was not by any means a satisfactory arrangement, or one that fostered good feeling, and the best friends of the Puckeridge were determined, if possible, to see the country re-united under one Master, and hunted from the Braughing kennels. Owing to the good offices of many, and among them of Admiral the Hon. G. H. Douglas, of Nusells, and Mr. H. Debenham, of Patmore Hall, the simultaneous resignation of both Masters was brought about, and at a general meeting of the Hunt in 1894, held at Bishop's Stortford, the Hon. L. J. Bathurst, previously for five years Master of the

Exmoor, was duly elected Master of the once more united country, an arrangement which was universally welcomed. Mr. C. Heaton-Ellis, of Wyddiall, and Mr. Tresham Gibbey, of The Grange, Bishop's Stortford, were elected Joint Honorary Secretaries.

Two years later the Hon. L. J. Bathurst was succeeded by Mr. Edward E. Barclay, of Brent Pelham Hall, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, who still holds office; his huntsman is E. Short, and his two whips, R. Gardiner and H. Doe; the kennels are at Brent Pelham, Buntingford.

MR. SAMPSON HANBURY, of Poles, is that "Sampson Hanbury, junr., Esq.," whose name appears as one of the subscribers to the 1826 edition of *Colonel Cook's Observations on Foxhunting*. In 1802 he built kennels at Puckeridge, and from that place the pack takes its name. In Vol. XIX. of the *Sporting Magazine* we read that "Mr. Hanbury's Hounds throw off on Monday, March 22nd, at Moor Garden Wood, near Hatfield-Peverel, Essex, in order to make a cap for honest Will Crane, late huntsman to Colonel Bullock, now about to enter the ninetieth year of his age. This veteran of the brush will take the field himself to see those friends whom for so many years he has



THE HON. L. J. BATHURST.

Mr. S.
Hanbury
—Master
1801-32.

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MR. SAMPSON HANBURY.

**Mr. S.
Hanbury.**

exhilarated by the superiority of his hunting skill and the matchless melody of his manly voice. The Hunt will dine together at 'The Angel,' at Kelvedon, when those sportsmen not able to dine may, by some friend, contribute to Will's cap, and so put a feather in their own." The Will Crane here alluded to was employed to train Mr. Smith Barry's hounds for their famous match against Mr. Meynell's, which was decided on Newmarket Heath in 1762. The system of capping, by the way, led to so many abuses that it had to be abandoned. A fox was often mobbed by the Hunt servants to gain the "cap," which customarily followed the death.

Devoted to foxhunting, Mr. Hanbury was not only a fine judge of the sport, but a scientific hound-breeder. For the Puckeridge Columbine it is said that he refused Sir Richard Sutton's offer of 100 guineas. Popular alike with the landed gentry and tenant farmers in his own county, strangers came from long distances to hunt with the pack. Mr. Richard Gurney, who rode with the hounds, was one of the best men in the shires. He was wonderfully mounted, and for one of his horses, Sober Robin to wit, he refused an offer of £1,000. It was among his remarks, often repeated, that one fourteen-mile run with the Puckeridge was the best in which he had ever taken part during a long experience.

The last season of Mr. Sampson Hanbury's Mastership, after about thirty years in office, was the most brilliant of the lot, and when he retired in 1832 his resignation was much regretted.

**Mr. N. L.
Parry
—Master,
1838-75.**

Born in 1795, Mr. NICHOLAS LEGAR PARRY may be said to have united with the old and new schools of hunting, as it was only at the end of the seventies that he finished a long and eventful innings. Contemporaneous with Sir Thomas Mostyn, Mr. Osbaldeston, Tom Smith, of Hambledon, and Thomas Assheton Smith, he had studied under such sportsmen as Hugo Meynell, John Warde, and Mr. Drake, of the Bicester. Essentially a hound man, although his knowledge of all branches of the noble science was extensive and peculiar, no man in his day could talk with greater authority on foxhound quality and pedigree than he. His taproot was the Drake Duster blood, and to his faith in that great line we owe much of the stoutness which appears in our leading packs of to-day. He did not, however, confine himself to this family in blind devotion, but rather added to it by crosses with the Duke of Beaufort's, the Brocklesby, Belvoir, Fitzwilliam, Sir Tatton Sykes', and the Cottesmore. The Duke of Beaufort's Finder, Sir Tatton Sykes' Tyrant I., Sir R. Sutton's Watchman and Wamba, the Duke of Grafton's Reveller, and a succession of Belvoir, Brocklesby, and Milton sires were used to build up his pack, nor must we omit the Oakley Trouncer and Lord Poltimore's Pedlar. With such blood it was small wonder that he had one of the best lots in the kingdom, which he sold to Mr. Robert Gosling for, it is said, £2,000, or guineas, after refusing double the amount from Earl Spencer, who wished to take them to the Pytchley kennels, as he did not want them to leave their own country.

On the day of the Coronation of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria the hounds were taken to Puckeridge to be under Mr. Parry's sole direction. With them went Dick Simpson as huntsman, and he left his old Master only to retire at an advanced age upon a farm at Sawbridgeworth. Tom Firr was also a right-hand man in the kennel to the Squire, and Tom of the Quorn later showed that he had learnt his lesson well. John Dunnecombe followed Simpson; and then Alfred Hedges, who died when huntsman to the Vine in after years.

We have heard that Mr. Parry kept a diary or common-place book, in which all particulars connected with his horses, hounds, runs, and number of foxes killed were duly chronicled. From this record it appeared that it was not uncommon with him to kill more foxes in a season (cubs excluded) than the sum of the days upon which he hunted. This is the more extraordinary as his was an arable, and far from a keen scenting country. The fact affords an additional testimony



From a picture in the possession of Mr. M. R. Marriott.

MR. NICHOLAS PARRY.

**Mr. N. L.
Parry.**

to the quality of his hounds and the judgment displayed in breeding them. There was no prodigality in his hunting establishment; indeed, it was asserted that the Hunt were rather badly off for horses, and as he hunted his first three or four seasons at a cost of about £2,000 per annum, this was probably correct, as he could not possibly have done four days a week on much less. During such a long Mastership he, of course, had some splendid runs, and one of these, in 1838, was very peculiar, because a "straight-necked" fox, disdaining to stop at any covert by the way, ran for twenty-three miles, occupying 2 hours 5 minutes, before he was killed at Langley Warren; it was, as the Master is reported to have said, "The best run he ever saw in his life, with one fox." There was a longer run in March, 1846, however, when a fox took the pack a ringing run over about twenty-eight miles of country.

It was not until 1875 that Mr. Parry, owing to a very severe fall, was obliged to give up his pack. He lay for many hours unconscious, but the instinct of sport was by no means extinguished as his first words on coming to were, "Did they kill him?" From this accident he never recovered, and it was the immediate reason of his selling his beloved pack of hounds to Mr. Gosling.

Of reserved demeanour, his somewhat eccentric habits came of a natural shyness and modesty. When he formed a friendship, however, it was a life-long one, and he boasted many such. The latter part of his life was enjoyed, as far as failing health would permit, among the hunting companions of his long Mastership. He died on November 28th, 1879, at his residence, Little Hadham Place, Hertford, in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

MR. ROBERT GOSLING, who was Master of the Puckeridge Hunt from 1875 to 1885, and then of the western portion of the country until 1890, was the eldest son of the late Mr. Robert Gosling, of Hassobury Park, by his marriage with Georgiana Vere, daughter of the Right Hon. John Sullivan and Lady Harriet Barbara, daughter of the third Earl of Buckinghamshire. He was born in 1831, and after being at Eton some years, entered the 13th Light Infantry. So keen was he for sport at this early age that he whipped-in to the garrison pack of fox-hounds. Later he saw service in the Crimean War.

He married, first in 1856, Cecil Mary, daughter of Mr. Alexander Park, and secondly, Eleanor, daughter of Mr. Spencer Smith, of Brooklands, Hampshire, and by his two marriages had fourteen children. He was D.L. for Essex, and served as High Sheriff in 1871. He was J.P. for both Essex and Hertfordshire.

When he accepted the Mastership of the Puckeridge in 1875 he took over the pack belonging to the resigning Master, Mr. Nicholas Parry, for the first season, with the option of paying £2,000 for it if he liked. This he did, and housed the pack in new kennels, which he erected at Maruden.

Mr. Robert Gosling, during his Mastership, showed his country excellent sport, and it should be recorded that, throughout the great Puckeridge Hunt dispute, from 1885 to 1890, he was always most tolerant. After his resignation in 1890, and until his death in 1895, he often hunted with his successor, the Hon. Lancelot Bathurst.

The highly popular and successful Master of the old-established Puckeridge Hunt began his term of office in 1896, and has ever since continued to improve the hounds to such an extent that he has now one of the finest packs in the South of England.

Born on February 16th, 1860, Mr. EDWARD EXTON BARCLAY is the third surviving son of the late Mr. Joseph Gurney Barclay, of Knotts Green, Essex, and of the well-known banking firm of that name. The Barclays were originally settled in Scotland, and from the twelfth century have been prominent land owners in the north.

**Mr. R.
Gosling
—Master,
1875-90**



THE LATE MR. R. GOSLING.

**Mr. E. E.
Barclay
—present
Master.**

Mr. E. E. Barclay.

Mr. E. E. Barclay's initiation to hunting was with the Brighton Harriers and Southdown Foxhounds, when his father used to winter at his house in Brighton. He then, before going to the University, put in one season with the Braugham Moor and the York and Ainsty, also hunting with the Essex Foxhounds when at home. In 1878 he went up to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where, besides hunting with the Oakley, Fitzwilliam, and other neighbouring packs, he ran with the Trinity Foot Beagles, acting for a season as a whipper-in and Deputy-Master. At this time Mr. Barclay started a private pack of beagles, kennelled at Higham, Suffolk, one of his father's estates, only twenty-one miles from Cambridge, and whenever opportunity offered he used to hunt the pack, either in Suffolk, Norfolk, or Essex, from Higham, Cromer, or Knotts Green, respectively. In 1881 he took his degree and entered the bank (of which he was subsequently partner), where he worked for fifteen years. He lived then at Leyton.

His next move in sporting matters was to change his beagles to harriers, and in November, 1889, he took up his residence at Roydon, in Essex, where he built new kennels for his pack. Though devoting himself mostly to his own harriers, he found time to hunt with the Essex and Puckeridge Foxhounds.

The death of Mr. Henry Vigne, in 1892, placed his harriers, which were all dwarf foxhound bitches, and which had been hunting the Epping Forest district, on the market, and Mr. Barclay acquired it, thus considerably improving his pack. Two years later he was offered the Mastership of the Essex Hunt, which, owing to business duties, he was unable to accept. In 1896, on giving up business, he came to live on his own estate, Brent Pelham Hall, near Buntingford, and was offered the vacant Mastership of the Puckeridge in succession to Mr. Lancelot Bathurst, which he accepted and bought the hounds, then kennelled at Braughing. Jim Cockayne, who had been huntsman to the Old Surrey Foxhounds, was his first huntsman, and stayed with him till 1904, when he was succeeded by Ted Short, formerly first whip to the Bramham Moor, and subsequently to the Essex Foxhounds; he now hunts the bitch pack two days a week, Mr. Barclay himself hunting the dog hounds on the other two days. The kennels now comprise sixty-three and a-half couples of working hounds. His pack is full of Belvoir blood, and for three years Mr. Barclay had the Belvoir old drafts. He built large kennels at Brent Pelham, in 1902, on his own estate, and the hounds have been steadily improving ever since.

Mr. Barclay married, in 1883, Elizabeth Mary Fowler, elder daughter of the late Mr. William Fowler, 13, Grosvenor Square, W., late M.P. for Cambridge. They have three children, all of them keen on horse and hound.

Mr. Maurice Edward Barclay, the eldest, was born in September, 1886, educated at Eton and Trinity Hall, where he was Master of the Cambridge Beagles for two seasons. The second son, Mr. Geoffrey William Barclay, is



PRESENTED TO MR. BARCLAY BY THE FARMERS OF THE HUNT IN 1908.



PRESENTED TO MR. BARCLAY BY THE FOLLOWERS OF HIS HARRIERS IN 1896.

still at Eton and is a whipper-in to the Eton Beagles, and Miss Catherine Joan Barclay has hunted all her life.

Mr. Barclay is a J.P. for Hertfordshire, and a member of Boodle's. He is a keen shot, and farms 1,100 acres of his own land at Brent Pelham where he has bred a fine herd of red-pollled cattle.



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MR. E. E. BARCLAY ON EPSOM.

Of the best horses which he has owned, mention should be made of Barrister, whom he bought when at Cambridge and who carried him nine seasons, a favourite mount in his younger days; also Greystoke, for nine seasons; and Epsom, by Avondale, dam by Arthur, whom he has had for eleven seasons, and who still carries him brilliantly, and on whom he appears mounted in the accompanying illustration.

Mr. E. E.
Barclay

Mr. Barclay keeps a stallion for getting hunters for the benefit of the country, and breeds many of his own Hunt horses. All the servants' horses in the photograph of the Hunt are bred by himself, as well as the hounds.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Barclay has now been continuously Master of either harchounds or foxhounds for over thirty years.

MAJOR HENRY ARCHIBALD ANDERSON, of Aspenden, Buntingford, the Joint-Secretary of the Puckeridge Hunt, is the only surviving son of the late Captain Henry John Anderson, who served in the 34th Madras Native Infantry under the Honourable East India Company. The Andersons are a military family, six of the Major's uncles having served in the Army; his grandfather was severely wounded at Waterloo.

Major H. A.
Anderson
—Hon. Sec.

The subject of these notes was born at Vizagapatam in 1852, and four years later, on the death of his father, came to England. In 1865 he went to Eton, where he was in the boats and ran with the College Beagles. He then went to Brasenose in 1870, and in the two subsequent years rowed in his college boat, eventually joining the 7th Royal Fusiliers, with whom he served in India until 1882. In 1877 he won the Mahratta Steeplechase with his pony Toby.

Returning home, he was quartered at Colchester, and it was here that he first took up hunting, going out with the East Essex Foxhounds until 1884, when he retired and joined the 4th (Militia) Battalion, now the 7th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers. Between 1884 and 1891 the Major lived in London and occasionally came down to the Puckeridge country for hunting. In 1891, however, he took up his residence at Aspenden, and has since hunted regularly with the Puckeridge every season, except 1900-01, when he was out in South Africa serving as second in command of the 20th Battalion of Imperial Yeomanry.



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MAJOR H. A. ANDERSON.

Since 1896 he has been Joint-Secretary of the Hunt, having with him, first, Mr. Tresham Gilbey as colleague, and now Mr. G. Bowen. Mrs. Anderson, who is a daughter of the late Mr. John Hughes, is an experienced horsewoman, and one of the most frequent lady followers of the Puckeridge Hounds.

DR. JAMES CANTLIE, of The Kennels, and Nottingham Farm, Cottered, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, and 140, Harley Street, W., is a member of the Puckeridge Hunt. He was born on January 17th, 1851, at Keithmore, Dufftown, Banffshire. Son of Mr. William Cantlie, banker, he married, in 1884, Mabel, a daughter of Robert Barclay Brown, and has issue. He was educated at Milnes Institution, Fochabers, Morayshire, and at Aberdeen University. Dr. Cantlie is the author of many works of interest to the medical profession, and a traveller of no mean degree, having visited India, China, Japan, Annam, and Manchuria in the interests of medical research.

Dr. J.
Cantlie.

As a Volunteer he raised the London Royal Army Medical Corps Volunteers, of which he is now the Honorary Colonel. He is also the Lieut.-Colonel commanding the Maidstone Detachment.

Dr. Cantlie may also be remembered as the gentleman who rescued the Chinese Sun Yat Sen, who was detained as a prisoner at the Chinese Legation in 1896. The Marquess of Salisbury, the then Premier, having ordered his release.

Miss G.
Cotton-
Browne.

One of the keenest followers of the Puckeridge Hounds, and among the best-known sportswomen in Hertfordshire, is Miss G. Cotton-Browne, the only surviving child of the late Rev. John George Cotton-Browne, J.P., D.L., of Walkern Hall, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.



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MISS G. COTTON-BROWNE WITH HER HARRIERS AND HUNT SERVANTS.

Miss Cotton-Browne has hunted with the Puckeridge since a little child, but not content with that, in 1905 she started a pack of her own harriers, which average about three days a fortnight. There are fifteen couples in the kennels of the pure old-fashioned harrier. The best couple in the pack are Archer and Dandy, which took the first prize for the over 19-inch class at the Ranelagh Show in 1908, and Archer alone took the second prize.

Miss Cotton-Browne is descended on her maternal side from a great sporting stock, the Pryors. Her grandfather, Mr. Morris Pryor, and her great-grandfather, Mr. John Izard Pryor, were both great hunting men in their day.

Of the many excellent hunters which Miss Cotton-Browne has owned, she considers that Violet, by the Duke of Beaufort's Cobbler, is the best.

Mr. R. C.
Gosling.

A member of a well-known hunting family, Mr. ROBERT CUNLIFFE GOSLING, D.L., J.P. for both Hertfordshire and Essex, is the elder son of the late Mr. R. Gosling, who was Master of the Puckeridge from 1875 to 1885. He was born on June 15th, 1868, at Hassobury, his father's place near Bishop's Stortford, and was educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge.

He commenced hunting as a very small boy, and when at Eton ran with the beagles, of which his brother, the present Captain W. S. Gosling, was for some time Master. He went to Cambridge in 1887, and played both cricket and football for the University. Three years later he took his degree, and since his return home has been a regular follower of the Puckeridge, though he sometimes hunts with the Essex. He is a constant and liberal supporter of the Hunt, and on his estate of between 5,000 and 6,000 acres there are always plenty of foxes.

In 1902, Mr. Gosling was High Sheriff for Essex. He is a member of the Isthmian, and lives at Hassobury, Essex, and at 28, Portland Place, W.



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MR. R. C. GOSLING.

LIEUT.-COLONEL CHARLES HENRY BRABAZON HEATON-ELLIS, of Wyddial Hall, Buntingford, who acted as Honorary Secretary during several trying seasons, is one of the former keen followers of the Puckeridge Hunt, though he has given up hunting for some years. He was born in London on May 11th, 1861, son of Mr. Edward Heaton-Ellis, of Wyddial, and Harley Street, W. His earliest experiences of hunting took place with the Holderness during his schooldays, and later he followed Lord Galway's Hounds (the Grove), and the Badsworth.

Lt.-Col.
C. H. B.
Heaton-
Ellis.

At Harrow, Lieut.-Colonel Heaton-Ellis was head of his house, and sixth in the school when he left to go to Trinity College, Cambridge. There he hunted with the Fitzwilliam, Oakley, Cambridgeshire, and the Puckeridge, and he remembers that the first meet of the last-mentioned pack which he attended was in November, 1882.

After leaving the University the Colonel travelled round the world, and had a good deal of sport in Australia and New Zealand, which he has visited several times since. In 1891 he was elected Joint-Secretary with Mr. Tresham Gilbey, and these two gentlemen together thoroughly re-organized the financial aspect of the Hunt.

In 1896, Colonel Heaton-Ellis resigned the Secretaryship, and has not hunted since, devoting himself entirely to fishing and shooting. He is, nevertheless, a keen fox-preserve. As a public man the Colonel's time is fully engaged, for among many public offices he holds that of magistrate for Hertfordshire, Chairman of the Hitchin Division of the Conservative and Unionist Association, County Councillor for Hertfordshire, is a Freemason, and major and honorary lieutenant-colonel of the 4th Batt. Bedfordshire Regiment, with which he served in South Africa in 1901 as second in command.

He married, in 1888, Marion Pringle, eldest daughter of Mr. Herbert McCarthy, of Tamworth, New South Wales, and has four daughters. He is a member of the United Services Club.

The son of the late Mr. Abel Smith, who sat in the House of Commons as Member for Hertfordshire for over forty years, MR. ABEL HENRY SMITH, of Woodhall Park, Hertford, was born in the year 1862.

Mr. A. H.
Smith.

At Eton, Mr. Abel Smith ran with the beagles, and in 1881 went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he had excellent sport with the Fitzwilliam, the Cambridgeshire, and the Puckeridge. After taking his degree in 1884 he went for a year to Downton Agricultural College. Next came a visit to India in 1887, and five years later, Mr. Smith was elected Conservative Member for Christchurch, Hampshire, and represented that constituency till 1900, since which year he has sat in Parliament for East Hertfordshire.

Though a keen game shot, he is a great preserver of foxes, and his coverts in the Puckeridge and Hertfordshire Hunts are always open to hounds.

One of the best horses he has ever had is Big Ben, so called on account of his having been purchased from the late Captain Benet Gosling.

Mr. Abel Smith hunted the Hertford Harriers for several seasons in the eighties and early nineties, and now hunts with the Puckeridge and Hertfordshire as often as his Parliamentary and other public duties will allow.

Mr. Smith was Private Secretary to the Right Honourable Walter Long during his term of office as President of the Board of Agriculture. He is a J.P. for Hertford, a member of the Hertford County Council, and Chairman of the Hertford Board of Guardians. He is a member of the Royal Agricultural Society, and especially devotes himself to the practical side of the improvement of breeding horses and cattle. His two daughters are both good horsewomen.



MR. ABEL H. SMITH.

Mr. G. Smyth.

MR. GEORGE SMYTH is one of the moving spirits of the Puckeridge. His father and grandfather before him were good sportsmen and keen riders to hounds. Mr. George Smyth was born in 1863, at Quickwood, where for over 200 years his family have farmed the land, and where Mr. Smyth now cultivates over 800 acres. The late Mr. Hugh Smyth, who died in 1902 at the age of eighty-four, had hunted with the Puckeridge for seventy years a hale and hearty old sportsman, who inherited his love of steeplechasing and his dexterity with the gun from his father before him; he was twice married, and had sixteen children.



THE LATE MR. H. SMYTH.

Our present subject was taught to ride in his infancy by his father, and in 1877 had his first day with the Puckeridge, which he has followed regularly since he left school in 1878; he is a hard-working member of the Earth-stopping Committee, and of the Committee of the Earth-stopping Fund. His best horse was Brilliant, by Warren Point, which was bred by his father.



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MR. G. SMYTH.

Mr. T. Stubbing.

One of the foremost of the sporting farmers who so assiduously help the Puckeridge Hunt year after year is Mr. THOMAS STUBBING, of Wareside, Ware. He was born on December 19th, 1843, the second son of the late Mr. Thomas Stubbing, who was a very keen hunting man, and lived at Albury Lodge. When ten years of age, the subject of these notes followed the Puckeridge for the first time, and was blooded by Joe Orbell, under Mr. Parry's Mastership.

He went to Dunmow Grammar School, and on completing his studies in 1860, learnt farming with his father. Since that year he has been a regular follower of the Puckeridge, and for many years past has been on the Earth-stopping Committee. He married, in 1879, the daughter of Mr. John Rolfe, of Elmdonbury, Essex.

Mr. Stubbing is a very important farmer in the Hunt, for he farms 700 acres at Wareside, and another 500 acres at his other farm at Albury, where there is a well-known covert called Ringsbury Covert.

His best hunter was a white-faced mare named Comet, by Hot Shot. Mr. Stubbing is a Guardian and District Councillor for Ware. His time is always fully occupied, either with his public duties, farming, or sport. His eldest son, Mr. Harold Rolfe Stubbing, has been in the Hertfordshire Yeomanry since 1901.



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MR. T. STUBBING.

THE ESSEX STAGHOUNDS.

THE present Epping Forest is a remnant of what in the olden time was known as the "Forest of Essex," or "Waltham Forest," and, in common with the other ancient forests of England, had harboured the red deer from time immemorial. They were still there, moreover, in the days of George IV. The red deer, however, are great wanderers, and do much injury to the crops, and in consequence, as the country became more thickly populated and agriculture encroached upon the Forest lands, they trespassed on the farms, causing such damage as could be no longer tolerated, and they were gradually exterminated. To-day the deer in the Forest are chiefly fallow deer. Some roe deer also were brought in from Devonshire in 1883.

Stags have been hunted in Epping Forest from almost pre-historic times. In *The Forest of Essex*, by Fisher, we read that the Kings of England had hunted the Forest since Edward the Confessor's time, and probably in more remote ages still. Queen Elizabeth's hunting lodge there is well known, and the story goes that she had her horse led up the extremely shallow staircase, and mounted him outside her bedroom door.

James I. was very indignant at the lax way in which the Forest laws were enforced in these parts, and spoke his mind about the matter, roundly. During the Civil Wars and the Commonwealth, the deer were so badly treated, and poaching carried on so extensively, that in 1660 a sum of £1,000 was voted to be expended in re-stocking the Forest. James was a great enthusiast of the sport, and Sir John Bramston, of Skreens, tells of the King's hunting in his *Autobiography*. The Royal Buckhounds hunted here early in the eighteenth century. In 1729 they killed thirteen stags in Epping Forest, and in 1730 nine, for which facts see the Treasury Records.

The original pack of the Essex Staghounds is supposed to have been kept at Tilney House, by the Earl Tilney, and to have been known as the Tilney Hounds. The Earl died in 1784, but some little time before that event occurred the pack was taken over and kept by some of the sporting residents of the district. Later on, Mr. Joseph Mellish, a rich and sport-loving London merchant, undertook the management of the hounds, being assisted therein by the subscriptions of his many friends and admirers "On 'Change." He continued to hunt them till 1798, when he met his death, at hands of highwaymen, while crossing Hounslow Heath. He was shot through the head, but his murderer was never discovered. Mr. William Mellish, a nephew of the former Master, then took the hounds, and kept them till 1806, when Lord Middleton bought them, and sent them into Yorkshire, with their huntsman, William Cranston. The pack at this time consisted of about thirty-two couples.

The popular tradition which attributes the Epping Forest Easter Hunt to the sporting tendencies of bygone Lord Mayors would seem to be a fallacy. An old number of *The Sporting Magazine*, bearing a date in the early part of the last century, says that in Lord Tilney's time his hounds used to be spoken of as "The Ladies' Hunt," because of the numbers of the fair sex of the neighbourhood who followed them, and that a meet took place annually on Easter Monday, generally at Fencepiece, near Hainault Forest, with a dinner and ball to follow. It became customary for Londoners to attend this meet—some by invitation, others merely going as spectators of the holiday sports.

A few years after Mr. Mellish sold his hounds, a pack of staghounds was again in residence at the old kennels at Wanstead House, their Master being Mr. Tilney Long Wellesley, a nephew of the "Iron Duke," who had become their owner by his marriage with the heiress of the last Lord Tilney. But the extravagance of Mr. Wellesley's *ménage* was too great to last. He kept forty or fifty horses, arrayed his Hunt servants in Lincoln green, scattered *largesse* of golden

sovereigns right and left, and generally spent his money so freely that, although his rent-roll in Essex alone was upwards of £70,000 a year, and despite also the fact that he shortly became Earl of Mornington and head of the family, before ten years had passed he had to fly secretly, and by night, in an open boat down the Thames, to escape from his creditors. His wife died from the effects of worry and anxiety; the Court of Chancery deprived him of the custody of his children; and, for the remainder of his life, he lived on the bounty of his great soldier-uncle.

When Mr. Wellesley's hounds were sold, Tom Rounding, who is supposed to have been his huntsman, bought a few couples, and continued to hunt deer with them. About this time Epping Forest became no longer a safe refuge for the deer, and they kept almost entirely to Hainault Forest. Soon after, the few which remained were caught up and taken to Windsor Forest. It is said that the last day's hunting was on October 20th, 1827, when a stag was roused in Hainault Forest, and taken at Plaistow. So ended the hunting of the wild deer in Essex.

In 1801, the late Mr. Sheffield Neave, third son of Sir Francis Neave, the second Baronet, assisted by Messrs. Drummond and Tufnell, began to hunt carted deer with his hounds. Before long he became sole Master. The noted Meshach Cornell, the "Wild Indian," as he was called, who had served in several of the Essex packs of foxhounds, came to Mr. Neave as whipper-in, about 1837. The hounds were kept at Mylees.

In 1846, Lord Petre was the Master, and Joe Roberts, who served the family nearly all his life, was his huntsman. In 1851, Lord Petre's son, the Hon. Frederick Petre, had the hounds, and hunted them himself. Between the time that Lord Petre gave up the hounds and his son took them on again, there seems to have been a break in the continuity of the Essex Stag-hounds, which was more or less filled by one "Tommy" Crooks, a butcher of Chelmsford, who kept a few scratch hounds for stag-hunting, and one James Parker, who seems to have done something of the same sort of thing for a short time.

In 1867, the Hon. Henry Petre succeeded his brother as Master. In 1885, Mr. Petre was succeeded by Mr. Sheffield Neave, son of the original Master, who established the pack in 1831.

The second Mr. Neave was followed, in 1899, by Mr. W. H. Pemberton Barnes, who continued as Master till 1901, when he was succeeded by Mr. A. Jackson, of Baddow Park, near Chelmsford, who hunted the hounds himself, and had for his whips—first, Charles Bloxham (kennel huntsman), and second, Fred. Flack. In 1908, on the retirement of Mr. Jackson, Mr. John Balfour took over the hounds, and Bloxham carried the horn. The kennels are at Matching Green.

Mr. S.
Neave
—Master,
1831-43.

MR. SHEFFIELD NEAVE, third son of Sir Thomas Neave, second Baronet, followed the example of King George III. and some of the peers, by instituting the hunting of carted deer. Born April 11th, 1799, he married Mary Henrica, daughter of Richard Henry Morier, H.M. Plenipotentiary in Switzerland, and sister of Sir Robert Morier, G.C.B., Ambassador at Madrid and St. Petersburg. A Director of the Bank of England, Mr. Neave was also the possessor of large property at Hampstead, and did things in first-class style. He was in the prime of life—thirty-two years old—when he first started the hounds, which were kept at the "King William Inn," Leaden Roothing, and, by assiduous work and no sparing of expense, he raised the pack to a standard equal to any in the kingdom. Hunting them himself, he was a fearless and brilliant rider, old inhabitants telling many tales of his prowess in the saddle, such as jumping a river lock, with stone copings, at Ware, and the river at Shonk's Mill. It is said of him that he introduced flying the banks in the Union, or South Essex, country, instead of scrambling over them.

Mr. Neave had also a particularly good eye for a "havier," his deer being noted for the amount of "go" which care and feeding infused into them. Of these, two specially made a name unto themselves in the country—Tom Tickler and Wildgoose. Of the first-named it is related that, in 1833, he gave his field an awful pumping. Mr. Neave, upon the occasion in question, got to the bottom of no less than three well-known horses, Teddy, Snarl, and Shakespeare. *Inter alia*, Tommy ran through a pack of harriers, and had the questionable taste to finish in a lady's bedroom

at Gidea Hall, the residence of Mr. Black, much to the annoyance of that gentleman. It was the habit of Tommy to do big things, sometimes putting in eight or ten miles at a pace none in the field could keep up with, at others going for a "beacon course" sort of performance, and finishing in the dark. Wildgoose was even more notable the best "havier" Mr. Neave ever had, in fact. He once took his field, in March, 1843, twenty-seven and a-half miles in 2 hours 15 minutes; there were only four up when he finished at Aythorp Roding. When Wildgoose was sold with the hounds in 1844, a Yorkshire Master bought him. Mr. Neave thereupon challenged the latter to take him the first time out. They did not succeed; he got clean away, and was only taken two days after owing to a too heavy meal of turnips, and then when he had given them a fifteen-mile run to the middle of Rotherham town. When Mr. Neave retired, the Hunt gave him a handsome piece of plate, inscribed: "This piece of plate was presented in grateful remembrance of his spirited exertions in the field, and of the zeal and urbanity displayed by him as Master of the Essex Staghounds during twelve seasons of singular harmony and unrivalled success, in which he not only secured the cordial support of the owners and occupiers of the land, but acquired the lasting esteem of all."

**Mr. S.
Neave.**

The subject of these notes was one of the original colonists of New Zealand, and, as became an English worthy, laid the foundation of a breed of horses there, the successors of which are winning races "down under" to-day. When he struck soil there he took with him from his English home two thoroughbred sires—Ether, by St. Patrick, bred by the Duke of Grafton, and an Emilius horse which, although one of the best bred, had never been put into training.

**Mr. H. W.
Petre
—Master,
1867-85.**

A believer in the bloodstock of England, Mr. HENRY WILLIAM PETRE was a scion of that good old family which came more especially into prominence when Sir William Petre, LL.D., a person of great learning, was one of the principal Secretaries of State in the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI., Mary, and Elizabeth. Henry William Petre, D.L., second son of the eleventh Baron Petre, was born on January 23rd, 1820. Entered to foxhunting in his boyhood, he was in his early days associated with a committee as Master of the Isle of Wight Hounds, and with that pack, seldom heard of outside the Isle in those days, managed to show first-class sport. His name is, however, more especially identified with the Essex Staghounds, known at that time as Mr. Petre's. A contemporaneous writer says: "The meets are confined to the Roothings, and the country generally rides somewhat heavy, the fences requiring 'doing.' Among many of the hard-riding men (and a great many of this class are to be found among the ranks of young farmers), Mr. Petre seems to combine a happy union of pluck and judgment, and is very hard to beat. He possesses that wonderful knack or gift of sticking to his hounds, and being always with them, even through the most difficult parts of his country. The Hunt partakes a good deal of the nature of a private one, the support being confined to but comparatively few. Lord Petre has always been one of its principal patrons, and, in addition to his handsome subscription, supplies the deer from Thorndon Hall." The kennels at that time were at Ingatestone, the hounds being hunted one day a week up to Christmas, and three days a fortnight during the remainder of the season.

After an interlude we find Frank Parker appointed as huntsman, and he was also entrusted with the management of the deer in Lord Petre's park. He kept this post until 1871, when he was killed by his own horse, Bird on the Wing, rearing and falling upon him at the Islington Horse Show. For the remainder of his Mastership, which continued until 1885, Mr. Petre hunted the hounds himself.

MR. WILLIAM HERBERT PEMBERTON-BARNES, of Oaklands, Porlock, Somersetshire, was born in 1852, and is the eldest son of Mr. William Pemberton-Barnes, of Havering-Atte-Bower, near Romford, Essex. He was educated at St. Leonards and Brighton Colleges.

**Mr. W. H.
Pemberton-
Barnes
—Master,
1899-1901.**

Mr. Pemberton-Barnes has from boyhood been an enthusiastic hunter, beginning with a small pack of draghounds. Later on, when Mr. Ovey, of Sussex, gave up his celebrated harriers, Mr. Barnes purchased a portion of the pack, with which he hunted hares and outlying foxes in a corner of Essex until 1895, when he took over the Newmarket and Thurlow Hounds.

**Mr. W. H.
Pemberton-
Barnes.**

In 1899, on the resignation of Mr. Sheffield Neave, Mr. Pemberton-Barnes accepted the Mastership of the Essex Staghounds as well, and hunted both packs himself two days a week, although situated in different counties. He relinquished the direction of both packs in 1901. Since taking up his residence in Somersetshire, Mr. Pemberton-Barnes has hunted with the Devon and Somerset Staghounds. Amongst the many good hunters which he has possessed from time to time, special mention should be made of the following:

Peacemaker, who ran first in the Essex Hunt Light-Weight Steeplechase in 1878, with his owner in the saddle, but was disqualified for going two yards on the wrong side of the flag; Gamecock, whom Mr. Pemberton-Barnes hunted with the Essex Stag and Foxhounds for nine seasons (this good horse also carried him into second place in the Essex Hunt Light-Weight Point-to-Point in 1892); Bay Boy, by Lord Hastings, dam by Baldwin, an excellent jumper who was killed in a run with the Essex Staghounds; and Punch, well known in the Devon and Somerset country, who, during a run with the Exmoor Foxhounds over stony ground, broke the small pastern bone into sixteen pieces—a very rare occurrence.

Although hunting has always held first place with Mr. Pemberton-Barnes, he is fond of shooting, especially over dogs. An all-round athlete, he has a specially good record at the 100 yards, quarter-mile, and high jump. As a cricketer he is well known in Essex, where he helped to start the County Cricket Club with their new ground at Brentwood in 1876, and played for the county until the club removed to the present ground at Leyton.



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MR. W. H. PEMBERTON-BARNES.

**Mr. J.
Balfour
—present
Master.**

The successor to Mr. A. Jackson in the Mastership of the Essex Staghounds is Mr. JOHN BALFOUR, of Moor Hall, Harlow, who purchased the pack at the close of the season 1907-08.

Mr. Balfour was born on January 19th, 1853, and is the only son of the late Mr. John Osborne Balfour, of the Orkneys. Owing to the claims of business he was unable to hunt regularly till late in the sixties, when he began following the Hertfordshire, and hunted with that pack for ten seasons. In 1898 he bought his present estate, and has since been hunting with the Essex Fox and Staghounds.

Mr. Balfour has built new kennels for the hounds at Matching, three miles from his own home, and the old huntsman, Charles Bloxham, continues to hunt the pack, with Percy Miles as whipper-in. The former began his hunting career in 1888, when he was whip to Mr. Allison Johnson, of the North Hereford Foxhounds. Five years later he went to Mr. Samuel Wood, who had harriers in Derbyshire, and stayed with him ten years. Since 1903 he has been huntsman of the Essex Staghounds.

The pack starting the season of 1908-09 consists of eleven couples of old hounds and eight couples of young ones, the two best probably being Tomboy and Dancer. The only couple of bitches are Handmaid (from the East Essex) and Peevish (from Lord Rothschild's kennels).

The deer paddocks are at Writtle, near Chelmsford, and contain twenty deer, which are kept by Mr. W. Blyth. Mr. Balfour obtains most of the deer from Lord Brownlow's Ashridge estate, near Berkhamsted.

He has three sons and two daughters. The eldest, Mr. Hubert John Balfour, married the youngest daughter of Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood in 1907; the second son, Mr. John (Charterhouse, and Trinity, Cambridge), and Mr. William John Balfour (Charterhouse) are both keen riders to hounds.

THE ESSEX.

THE Essex country extends for about forty miles from north to south, and fifteen from east to west, at its widest part. It is bounded on the north by the Puckeridge country; on the west by the London district; on the south by the Essex Union; and on the east by the East Essex.

It is a ditch and bank country, and the ditches are very wide; mostly plough, with less than a quarter of its area grass; not very much wire, and what there is, chiefly on the London side.

The earliest properly organized pack of foxhounds to hunt this country was, according to Messrs. Ball and Gilbey, a pack belonging to Sir William Rowley, which worked the eastern portion, and dates apparently from 1777. Sir William's chief kennels were at Tendring Hall, Suffolk, but, for the purpose of hunting the Essex country, he established a second kennel at Witham. The pack consisted of thirty-six couples of hounds, which were maintained in a high state of order and discipline, and which made a great reputation for themselves, being long remembered in the country.

In 1791 the Tendring Hall kennels were re-built. Only three years later, however, the hunting establishment was broken up, and the hounds sold by auction in December, 1797. Sir William himself died in 1832, at the age of seventy-three.

After Sir William's retirement, a Mr. Camming had hounds at Witham kennels, and he was followed by Tufnell, one of whose runs is recorded in 1801. Two other packs were the Hempstead Hounds, or "Invincibles," a trencher-fed pack, and the "Talents' Hunt," which hunted the country round Dunnov. Mr. John Archer, of Coopersale House, who died in 1800, was Master and owner of a pack which worked the country round Epping, probably about 1770.

In about 1785, the celebrated authority on agriculture, Mr. Thomas William Coke, afterwards Earl of Leicester, at the invitation of Colonel Montague Burgoyne, of Mark Hall, brought some of his hounds from his kennels at Holkham Park, to hunt the Essex country. Mr. Coke had yet another kennel at Hedingham Castle, and established a third, according to "Druid," at Epping, for the purpose of hunting in Essex. It is related in his grand-daughter's (Mrs. Pickering) memoirs that he told her how he once killed a fox in what is now the centre of Belgrave Square.

Mr. Coke's huntsman was William Jones, a native of Shrivenham, in Berkshire. Another of the early packs was Mr. Harding Newman's. These also had a famous huntsman in Richard Fairbrother, who, with his favourite horse, Jolly Roger, appeared in *The Sporting Magazine* in 1794. Other early Masters mentioned are Mr. William Russell, of Stubbers, near Romford; Mr. North Surridge; and Mr., or Captain, Saich, but very little is known either of them or their hounds.

In 1791 rabies appeared in the "Essex Subscription Foxhounds," and the pack was destroyed. However, by the help of neighbouring Masters, they were going strong again the following season, under the management of "Harding Newman & Co.," who sold the hounds to Mr. Conyers, junr., in 1805.

In 1792 a pack of hounds was started by the two brothers, Tom and Dick Rounding, of the "Horse and Groom Inn," at Woodford, which, in Tom Rounding's time, was patronized by Tom Hood, George Cruikshank, and other leading lights in the world of art and sport.

In 1805 the Essex Hounds were taken by Mr. Henry John Conyers. At the end of his third season he resigned, being unable to bear the expense of a pack any longer; the hounds were sold. He was succeeded, in 1808, by Major, afterwards Colonel, John Cook, who made Bell House (afterwards known as Pilgrim House), Pilgrims' Hatch, Brentwood, the



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THE ESSEX HOUNDS (1908).

headquarters of his hunting establishment. He hunted the country three or four days a week for five years, and managed the Dimnaw side by going there, for a week or ten days at a time, occasionally during the season. He had a well-known whip in Jack Cole, widely known as "Black Cole," from his weather-beaten and drink-bitten complexion. He was said to be the best whip of his time.

When Colonel Cook resigned, in 1813, the hounds were bought by Mr. John Archer Houlton, of Hallingbury Place, near Bishop's Stortford, and Lord Maynard appears to have joined him as a partner in the venture. These Joint-Masters made Mr. Henry John Conyers Master in the field, or, as he was then called, "Manager." He afterwards kept the hounds himself, until his death in 1853. Morgan, his huntsman, retired in 1848, and was succeeded by Will Orvis, late first whip. Mr. Conyers was very fond of the Lonsdale and Sir Tatton Sykes' hound blood, and bought in a good deal of it. He always inclined to flat-sided hounds, and bred for size. His 25-inch hounds were famous all over England, and he refused 100 guineas, which the Squire of Tedworth offered him for two of them.

Upon Mr. Conyers' death, in 1853, he was succeeded by Mr. Henry George Greaves, previously Master of the Cottesmore and the Southwold. On coming to Essex, Mr. Greaves lived at Marden Ash, Ongar, keeping his hounds and horses at Mr. Newman's old kennels at Mylees. His hounds were Cottesmore and Badsworth blood, and his huntsman, John Treadwell, afterwards huntsman of the Quorn, and better known later as the huntsman of the Old Berkshire. Mr. Greaves resigned in 1857, his horses and hounds being sold by auction. His stud of twenty-two weight-carriers, up to 20 stone, fetching over £2,000, and his hounds sold for over £1,000. (For fuller particulars of Mr. Greaves, see the Old Berkshire Hunt.)

The next Master was the Rev. Joseph Arkwright, of Mark Hall, who did much, with his able management, to increase the stock of foxes, which were woefully scarce when he began. He retired in 1862, and died the following year.

Mr. Loftus Wigram Arkwright, the fourth son, followed in his father's footsteps. In the summer of 1876 dumb madness broke out in the kennels, which necessitated the destruction of the entire bitch pack. In 1879 failing health obliged Mr. Arkwright to resign, and Sir Henry Selwin Ibbetson, of Down Hall, afterwards Lord Rookwood, and Mr. John Percy Watlington came forward to assist him in keeping the pack. Mr. Arkwright lent his hounds to the country, and undertook the kennel management. Stephen Dobson handed over his horn to James Bailey, who still carries it with the most conspicuous success, H. Speke and W. Strong being his whippers-in. At the end of the season 1879-80, Messrs. Arkwright and Watlington retired, when Sir Henry Ibbetson bought the hounds, and was prevailed upon to hunt the country, which he did with eminent success, till he retired (1886), and was succeeded by Mr. C. E. Green as Field-Master. It was during the Mastership of the latter that the "thirty-guinea" rule was instituted and found to work well. In 1890 he bought the hounds, and also the Belvoir draft; he resigned in 1892. The next year the country was hunted by a Committee, with Mr. Green as Field-Master, who retired at the end of the season.

In 1893, Mr. Loftus Joseph Wigram Arkwright, grandson of the Rev. Joseph Arkwright, became Joint-Master with Mr. Edward Salvin Bowlby, of Gilston Park, Hertfordshire, and hunted the country for six years.

In 1899, Mr. C. E. Green again appeared on the scene of his old exploits, joining Mr. E. S. Bowlby in the Mastership till 1900, after which a Committee was again formed to hunt the country, with Mr. C. E. Green as Field-Master. In 1906, Mr. John Swire, of Hillsborough, Harlow, assumed control. The hounds are his own property, the pack consisting of fifty couples, kennelled at Harlow.



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MR. A. WATERS.

**Mr. R. N. H.
Newman.**

Of some antiquity in the West of England, and originally settled in the county of Gloucestershire, the family of Harding bought later the estates of Hacton, in Essex. In 1783, Mr. Harding assumed the name of Newman by Private Act of Parliament, under his maternal grandfather's will. A direct descendant of that Benjamin Harding, of Hacton House, Hacton, Essex, and Blue Hole, Essex, who was High Sheriff in 1762, Mr. RICHARD NEWMAN HARDING NEWMAN, of Nelmes, who was born on January 14th, 1756, was a good sportsman, as well as patron of the fine arts. His portrait as a youngster, painted by Romney, as the "Pink Boy," and still considered to be a rival to Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" by certain critics, is now in the possession of Lord Burton. He must not, however, be confused with Mr. Charles Newman, as at the period of which we write there were two Newmans hunting in Essex, and although Colonel Cook laid down the law very strongly upon the division of country later on, there would seem to have been a due allowance in running, or shall we say that the boundaries of the country had never been settled at all. Of the two Newmans, it is certain that Mr. Harding Newman commenced hunting in the county before Mr. Charles Newman, who lived at Scripps, Coggeshall, and there had his kennels. The first named, on the other hand, kept his hounds at Broomfield, near Chelmsford, and at Navestock, the family seat being at Nelmes. Richard Fairbrother, his huntsman, who had previously been in the service of Mr. Russell, went to hunt barriers after leaving Mr. Harding Newman's service. References to the exploits of the pack under Fairbrother are few and far between; but this able Hunt servant would seem to have shown good sport, albeit, contrary to modern usages and when vulpicide was general, it is possible that the owner of the pack was often reduced to hunting bag foxes, as were his neighbours in the vicinage of Rochford, notably the brothers Rounding. Of the few good runs recorded in connection with Mr. Harding Newman's hounds may be noted one from Bevomfield Hall Wood, near Chelmsford. They ran their fox for nearly six-and-twenty miles without a check, near to Lord Maynard's garden at Dinnow, where they ran into him. It is related that, while running the line, they found many deer and hares in Lord Maynard's park, yet so free from riot was the pack, that they stuck to their fox with a steadiness not customary to some crack packs which sometimes hunted the country.

**Tom and
Dick
Rounding**

No reference to the Essex Hunt would be complete were the celebrated TOM AND DICK ROUNDING omitted therefrom. These genial sportsmen, who had sat at the feet of Messrs. Coke and Newman to learn their hunting, commenced the study of our noble science, according to Pierce, "with the celebrated Will Dean, Dick Fairbrother, and Tom Hatterill, as good sportsmen as ever England produced." We cannot do better than quote the sporting chronicler:—"At that period (1792) Tom and Dick Rounding established a pack of foxhounds and hunted a great portion of Essex, including a circumference of upwards of one hundred miles, having run equal to any pack of hounds that ever hunted the country. As the foxes in Essex are so vermin-bred, Dick has been heard to say to Tom, 'There will be no end to such a fox.' 'But we'll try, Dick,' replied Tom; 'and so let us be off and see which has the best bit of blood.' In the true huntsman's style, it was a great treat to hear Tom Rounding in the field, calling out 'Hark for'ard! Look at Tyrant, Gladsome, and Governess! See, here they go! What a head they make altogether! Get forward, my boys! They are laying at him as bitter as soot! Now—now for the brush!'"



†
TOMMY ROUNDING AND HIS FAVOURITE BITCH BETSEY.†

A celebrated foxhunter in Essex has been often heard to say, "I compare Dick and his grey horse to the moon—the longer and faster I ride, no nearer can I get to them."

Tom and
Dick
Rounding.

It is worthy of remark that at the period alluded to, the two Roundings did not possess an acre of ground in the country, and no hounds hunted a district more pleasant than they did. The landowners and farmers of Essex were such lovers of foxhunting, and the excellent sport which the chase afforded them, that not a murmur escaped their lips. Indeed, the contrary was the fact, as it was the general expression of these gentlemen to Tom and Dick Rounding, "Why do you pass our houses in returning home? You know that we have at all times ale and bread and cheese for you, and a hearty welcome." The two brothers continued hunting with these hounds until 1813, when poor Dick was attacked with a fever and died. This proved a severe separation for Tom Rounding, and it was a considerable time before he got the better of it. At length he took the field once more, and mounted his old favourite horse, Spankaway, to join his brother sportsmen. Tom's appearance among them was hailed with delight, and many brave sportsmen can bear testimony of the unrivalled sport they enjoyed, and also the numerous glorious chases which took place. His fine old horse, Spankaway, was bred by G. Smith, being got by Ruler, out of a Phenomenon mare, and foaled in the year 1792. "Time will undermine the strongest fabric, therefore his brother sportsmen may form some opinion of the place his Master now can take with the hounds, but he still will be with them now and then to join in the whoo—whoop! No man in the character of mine host stands higher in the estimation of the public than the above veteran sportsman as an excellent caterer for his friends. Tom's wines are of the first quality; his liquors equally excellent; and his dinners are served up in a style so attractive as to evince Rounding's taste for the good things of this life. 'The Horse and Groom' (Woodford) is a place of great resort during the summer months, the situation of which, from the Metropolis, is just the right sort of pleasant drive for the man and not fatiguing to the horse, and from twenty to thirty gigs, besides other vehicles, may be seen standing before Tom Rounding's house every Sunday. Indeed, it may be said that the 'Horse and Groom' is the resort of men of talent of every description, where they can unbend with ease and pleasure, and yet preserve their dignity."

At Copt Hall, near Epping, was born, in 1782, HENRY JOHN CONYERS, whose grandfather had purchased the estate early in the eighteenth century. When he bought the property (where, it is recorded, James II. invited himself to dinner, after staghunting in the district), the old Hall was falling into decay, and, being past repair, the present structure was erected, and passed, in

Mr. H. J.
Conyers
—Master,
1805-08;
1818-53.



From a picture in the possession of Dr. F. Carter, of Billerica.

MR. H. J. CONYERS ON CANVASS AND JAMES MORGAN (HUNTSMAN).

due order of succession, to the subject of our notes. Obtaining a cornetcy in the Coldstreams at an early age, he, when in his twenty-fifth year, purchased the pack of foxhounds belonging to Mr. Harding Newman, and thus inaugurated the Essex Hunt, in 1805, with kennels.

When Henry John Conyers began hunting he had not counted the cost. He engaged a very able huntsman in the person of Ben Jennings, and showed first-class sport while it lasted. This extended but to three seasons, as in 1808, having come to the end of his limited resources, he had to give up the hounds, and sold out of the Service, obtaining for his commission, to quote his own words,

"Enough to buy dog biscuit with." The hounds were purchased by Lord Lonsdale. In 1818, after he had managed the hounds for Lord Maynard for five years, owing to the death of his father, Mr. Conyers came into possession of the Copt Hall estates, and straightway obtaining

Mr. H. J.
Conyers.

command of the hounds, he hunted them until the end of his days. In his excellent work, *Animal Painters*, Sir John Gilbey, Baronet, says, when referring to Dean Wolstenholme, senr.: "A representative example of his work is the picture entitled 'Lord's Wood, Leading Roding, Essex,' which was painted in 1820. The portraits are those of Mr. G. M. Box on Grey Pilot, and Mr. W. H. Box on Sally, the hounds belonging to the Essex Hunt, so many years hunted by the then well-known Master, Mr. John Conyers, of Copt Hall, Essex."

It was not until some thirteen years after this noted picture was painted, however, that Mr. Conyers was able to get things whipped into shape. It was averred that he was unfortunate in his Hunt servants. There is one thing certain—that he had a most unfortunate temper. In mitigation of some of his atrocious language of which he made use, he was wont to relate that when a young man in the Guards the serjeant-major would say to him, "Mr. Conyers, hold up your head, sir, and swear at your men, or they will not think anything of you!" He would appear to have laid this lesson to heart.

Upon assuming his second Mastership he engaged Cole, who had whipped in to Colonel Cook, but Cole took to drink. Webb, who followed him, did likewise; and a similar charge was made of old John Holmes, albeit, according to Mr. Sheffield Neave, "He could puzzle out the line of a fox for twenty miles from Hampstead Wood to Sudbury." Jem Morgan, admittedly one of the smartest huntsmen of his day, upon occasion had a most serious experience of the ungovernable temper of his Master in Takeley Forest. So copious was the flood of invective to which he was subjected that he dismounted, declaring he would not serve him longer, and started to walk home. Mr. Conyers, realizing that he had made a mistake, rode after him and apologized, giving him a sovereign at the same time, and inducing him to return. His method of encouraging subscribers to the Hunt was unique. It is said that he would post himself at a gateway as the field filed past: "There goes a d——d good fellow; he gives me five-and-twenty pounds!" "There goes a tenner!" "That's a fiver!" "Here comes a beggar who never gives anything at all!" Upon occasion he stopped the hounds, giving directions to his huntsman to pull one of the field out of a ditch lest he should succumb to his injuries before he could pay a subscription promised that morning. When the subscription was paid the same gentleman, who was by no means an Adonis, took a too forward place in the field. After exhausting his choicest specimens of invective, Conyers wound up with the threat, "If you persist in riding over my hounds, sir, I'll have your likeness taken."

In the year 1851, Mr. Conyers had a handsome piece of plate presented to him. It represented a fox being treed, with a group consisting of Mr. Conyers, Jem Morgan, Will Orvis, and some favourite horses and hounds.

Mr. Conyers expired on March 31st, 1853, and the folklore of that country vouches for a fact that during the last hours of his life his hounds uttered low moaning howls, as if aware that they were fast losing their Master.

Colonel
Cook
—Master.

As one of the fathers of the noble science, possibly the greatest of his time, no work upon hunting would be complete without reference to the subject of these notes. JOHN COOK, major, and afterwards colonel, of the 28th Light Dragoons, was the son of a leading merchant of Christchurch, in Hampshire. Born in 1773, his father died during his minority, leaving to Sir George Rose, his executor, the care of his children.

It has been asserted that Colonel Cook was an impecunious individual. The statement is correct only as regards the close of his life, when, after the manner of many other sportsmen of his day, lavish expenditure had reduced him to dire straits. In early life the family moved in the best society, were well-to-do, and owned property in the vicinage of Droxford. It was during this period that young Cook, a born sportsman, laid the foundation of that hunting education which made him so great a master of the art in later years. When in his teens he began with a pack of harriers, with which he hunted the district between Wareham and Poole, in Dorsetshire. For a lad to keep a pack of harriers it is necessary for him to be possessed of funds, and this is a sufficient answer to those who allege that Cook was born in poverty. A further proof of the strength of his bank is that in those days of expensive travel he went as far as the Newmarket and Thurlow country

to become Master, in 1800, of the Thurlow Hounds, succeeding such well-off men as Mr. Wilson and Mr. Panton.

Colonel J.
Cook.

It may be added that he was not the first to discover the scarcity of foxes and money to hunt with. When Colonel Cook took a cottage in the country, opposite "The Cock," at Thurlow, he went there full of hope; it was at this time that he married Miss Surtees, daughter of Mr. Surtees, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and niece of Lord Eldon. After a short stay in the district he formed conclusions as to its capabilities, and has put it upon record in a forcible sentence, "I found foxes and subscriptions damnable short," so that, not seeing his way to provide foxes and sport for nothing, he left the country, and took the Mastership of the Hambleton. After having hunted that pack for three years, he took over the Essex country, with which many of his reminiscences are associated.

His celebrated work upon foxhunting, although not by any means common, is still one of the classics of this sport. Published in 1826 under the title of *Observations on Foxhunting and the Management of Hounds in the Kennel and the Field*, addressed to a young sportsman about to undertake a hunting establishment, by Colonel Cook, H.P., 28th Dragoons; it was a subscription work, 500 copies being sold. In 1813 family cares and an increased expenditure obliged him to turn his attention to the recruiting service, and being appointed Inspecting Field Officer of the Birmingham District, he hunted a small part of Staffordshire under a subscription of £800 per annum. Suffering from cancer in the tongue, he went abroad, first to St. Omer, then to Harfleur. The first surgeons in London and abroad, although he placed himself under a specialist at Rouen, proved unavailing. From that town he wrote to a friend, "I am fairly hunted down and run to ground by a damned hungry and incurable cancer under the tongue." This proved too true. His tongue came away in pieces, and he died at Rouen in December, 1829, aged fifty-six.

THE REV. JOSEPH ARKWRIGHT, of Mark Hall, near Harlow, was the son of Mr. Richard Arkwright, who, again, was the son of Sir Richard Arkwright, the inventor of the spinning frame. Mark Hall, it may be here noted, had already somewhat of a history in a hunting sense, as it had previously belonged to Colonel Montague Burgoyne.

The Rev. J.
Arkwright
—Master,
1857-62.

In order to enjoy the sport more unrestrainedly, the Rev. Joseph gave up his family living at Latton to his eldest son, Julius, and devoted himself to hunting both in Leicestershire and the Essex country, albeit in the latter there was a thorn in his side in the shape of Mr. Conyers, who often worried him off the field.

At the time of his accepting office with the Essex, the "Squarson" was bordering on the age apportioned to us by the Psalmist. He, however, entered into things with zest, and forthwith built new kennels at Harlow. He suffered great difficulties at first, as Barwick, although a good kennelman, could not aspire to the class of Treadwell, Mr. Henley Greaves' huntsman. The last named, indeed, had so hustled his foxes that Barwick never had a look in with the survivors. It would appear, indeed, that the aged divine enjoyed the troubles of his servant, as he carried a whistle, the note of which was known to his hounds, and when he viewed a fox away and blew a call the pack came to him. By this means he enjoyed many a run all to himself. After a couple of seasons Barwick was superseded by the whip, Tom Wilson, and it was under his *aegis* that the historic run of February 19th, 1862, set out in Messrs. Ball and Gilbey's *The Essex Foxhounds*, took place.

Within a few days of the brilliant run mentioned above came the announcement that Mr. J. Arkwright had resigned. Fortunately, however, it was followed by an intimation that his fourth son, Mr. LOFTUS ARKWRIGHT, was prepared to succeed him. His reign extended from 1863 to 1879. During the first part of his tenure of office there was a singular lack of foxes, but they became plentiful at a later period. Although by no means a dashing horseman, he had the interests of the Hunt at heart, and with the hounds which his father had bought from Mr. Henley Greaves, and careful drafting and interbreeding in the home kennels, he got together a very fine pack. Unfortunately, in the season 1867-68 he met with a serious accident. The pack was drawing in Epping Forest, and in jumping a ditch his horse threw him and planted his hoofs on his chest. Two or three hours elapsed before Mr. Arkwright could be taken home. Unhappily,

Mr. L.
Arkwright
—Master,
1863-79.

**Mr. L.
Arkwright.**

medical skill could not restore him to the saddle, and although he kept on the hounds for eleven seasons, he saw sport always thereafter from a mail phaeton, into which he was lifted mechanically.

That he was his father's favourite son was proved by the fact that when the last-named gentleman died he left him his property, passing over his three elder brothers. He died in 1889.

**Mr. J.
Swire
—present
Master.**



MR. J. SWIRE.

MR. JOHN SWIRE is the son of the late Mr. J. S. Swire, who was well known in the Vale of Aylesbury and in Cheshire. Mr. Swire was born on August 22nd, 1861, and was "entered to fox" with the Whaddon Chase. After a preparatory course at Mr. Hawtrey's School at Slough, he went to Eton in 1871, where he was in the boats, and during the Easter Term ran with the beagles, the pack being then under the Mastership of Mr. Rowland Hunt, afterwards Master of the Wheatland. Going up to University College, Oxford, he rowed in their boat and four, but still did not neglect the noble science, keeping his hand in chiefly by visits to the Vale of Aylesbury, where he afterwards hunted regularly until the year 1891, when he sent his horses to Harlow, in Essex, and devoted himself exclusively to the Essex Foxhounds. Upon the retirement of Mr. C. E. Green from the Mastership in 1906, Mr. Swire was asked to take the hounds, an offer which he gladly accepted.

He is enthusiastically assisted by Mr. Arthur Waters, the Honorary Secretary of the Hunt, who twice a week takes on the duties of Field-Master if Mr. Swire is absent. The Essex Hounds have been considerably improved in recent years, and, in 1907, Mr. Swire favoured mostly Atherstone and Belvoir blood. His popularity has been growing since he took the reins of office, and finding himself so welcome with the sporting community of the county, he built a house and stables at Harlow, not far from the kennels. In 1907 he bought the hounds from Mr. Bowlby, who for some years previously had lent them to the Hunt.

A recognized judge of a good hunter, Mr. Swire favours a well-ribbed-up horse, with good loins and quarters, for tackling the Essex ploughs, and he believes that riding his horses during the summer, as soon as blisters have done their work, is the best way to get them right for the next season's hunting; consequently, for many years he has taken his horses up to London and ridden them turn and turn about in the Row before breakfast.

In 1889, Mr. Swire married the daughter of Mr. G. J. Kidston, of Finlaystone, Renfrewshire, who for many years, as Honorary Secretary of the Lanark and Renfrewshire Hunt, has done signal service to the cause of the chase. Mrs. Swire has practically hunted all her life, and goes out regularly with her husband. Mr. Swire is fond of shooting, and in recent years has taken Glenkindie, in Aberdeenshire, where from the "glorious twelfth" he has spent several weeks with his friends. He is a member of the New University, City, and Leander Clubs.

**Mr. A.
Waters
—Hon. Sec.**

The popular and energetic Honorary Secretary of the Essex Hunt, MR. ARTHUR WATERS, is a Devonshire man, and was born on December 15th, 1850; his father was the late Mr. Allan Waters, who hunted for many years with Lord Rolle's Hounds.

Mr. Waters commenced to follow hounds before he went to school at Bradfield College, Berkshire. At Lincoln College, Oxford, he played in his College cricket eleven, and rowed in the boat. On leaving the University in the early seventies, he came to Berners Roothing, in the heart of the Essex plough country, to learn farming. He then commenced his long associations with the Essex Hunt, which pack he has followed regularly ever since. Soon after leaving the Roothings he took Coopersale Lodge, Epping, where he now lives. He married Miss Fane, daughter of the late Rev. F. A. S. Fane, of Priors, Brentwood, who was a great personality in the Essex Hunt, and had been a regular follower of the pack up to the time of his death. Mrs. Waters has hunted in Essex all her life.

Mr. Waters became Honorary Secretary of the Hunt in 1900, and formed one of the Hunt Committee; in the last year of its existence, during Mr. C. E. Green's serious illness, he had to act as Master as well as Secretary. He is a keen polo player, and was captain of the West Essex Polo Club for many years.

Mr. A. Waters.

His daughter is one of the best known of the younger lady enthusiasts of the Essex followers.

The Union Club, Trafalgar Square, claims him as a member.



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MR., MRS., AND MISS WATERS.

SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER BAILLIE-HAMILTON, K.C.M.G., C.B., was born in 1844, and is the son of the late Admiral W. A. Baillie-Hamilton and Lady Harriett, sister of the first Duke of Abercorn, K.G. He was private secretary to the Secretaries of State for the Colonies from 1886 to 1892, and has been chief clerk of the Colonial Office since 1896. He was also until recently lieutenant-colonel commanding and honorary colonel of the Lothians and Berwickshire Imperial Yeomanry, and is Officer of Arms of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Sir William began hunting in 1879, in Ireland, with the Kildare, having also occasional days with the Meath. In later years he was a constant follower of the Essex, more particularly in the days of Sir Henry Ibbetson's Mastership. He is a keen all-round sportsman.

In the accompanying illustration, taken at the opening meet of the Essex Hounds at Matching Green, on November 2nd, 1908, the two figures in the foreground are Mrs. CALVERLEY, on her chestnut horse Scarlet Pimpernel, well known in the country, and her daughter, Miss Joyce Calverley, on Peter Pan, also a chestnut.



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SIR W. A. BAILLIE-HAMILTON.

Sir W. A. Baillie-Hamilton.

Mrs. Calverley.



MRS. AND MISS CALVERLEY.

school politicians, and also a great fisherman, and one of the English pioneers of salmon fishing in Norway. Colonel Charrington was blooded with the Essex Hunt by Dobson, then huntsman to the late Mr. Loftus Arkwright.

His school days were spent at Winchester, after which he travelled abroad, and on returning to this country joined the 4th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment in 1880, in which he remained until 1905, retiring with the rank of colonel. He commanded the regiment in the South African War, 1900-01, being mentioned in despatches and receiving the C.M.G. in recognition of his services.

COLONEL FRANCIS CHARRINGTON was born on November 17th, 1858. He is the second surviving son of the late Mr. Spencer Charrington, M.P., of Hunsdon, Hertfordshire, who was one of the old-

Colonel F. Charrington.

**Colonel F.
Charring-
ton.**

In 1885 the Colonel married Miss Leith, daughter of the late Mr. Walter Leith, J.P., of the Manor House, Ashby-de-la-Zouche, who was well known in the hunting field, and from that date till 1901 he hunted regularly, when in England, with the Quorn and Atherstone from his home, Netherseale Hall, near Ashby-de-la-Zouche, with occasional visits to the Essex and Puckeridge. Shortly before the death of his father, in 1901, Colonel Charrington purchased his present estate, Pishiobury Park, Sawbridgeworth, and has hunted since with the Essex and Puckeridge. Colonel and Mrs. Charrington have four children, all of whom have been blooded by the huntsman of the Atherstone in their turn.



From a painting by H. T. Wells.

COLONEL F. CHARRINGTON.

Of the many notable hunters which have found a home in the Colonel's stables at one time or another, Oracle, by Rhidorroch, now twenty-one years old and past work, was considered the first. Hector and Colonial are now probably the best known. The Colonel is greatly interested in agricultural subjects, and farms part of his land at Pishiobury.

The house at Pishiobury was designed by the famous Inigo Jones in the early part of the seventeenth century, and later was partly burnt down, and rebuilt by James Wyatt in 1720.

**Mr. G. H.
Dawson.**

MR. GEORGE HOGARTH DAWSON was born in September, 1845; he began to follow the Essex ten or eleven years later and is now one of the senior members. He hunts regularly with the Essex and is one of the original members of the Hunt Club. Mr. Dawson, who has always owned hunters of a useful stamp, was born in Essex and lived there until the last twenty years, and now lives at Lansdowne Crescent, W.

**Mr. N.
Dawson.**

His only son, MR. NEVILLE DAWSON, was born at Epping in 1876. At the age of six he began to follow the Essex, being blooded by the present huntsman, James Bailey, at Nettleswell Cross, Burnt Mill; he has hunted with these hounds more or less regularly ever since.

**Mr. S. C.
Grant.**

MR. STUART COLQUHOUN GRANT, of Hatters Croft, Sawbridgeworth, is the son of the late Colonel Gregory Colquhoun Grant, I.S.C., and was born in India on February 7th, 1873. After completing his education at Charterhouse, Mr. Grant became a member of the Stock Exchange. He first hunted in 1896, following the Whaddon Chase and Lord Rothschild's Staghounds, with occasional visits to the Quorn, Cottesmore, Pytchley, and Belvoir. Since 1906, the year of his marriage to Grace Lilian, third daughter of Mr. Frederick G. Potter, of New York, U.S.A., Mr. Grant has been residing at Sawbridgeworth and hunting with the Essex.

He served in South Africa in the 13th Battalion of the Duke of Cambridge's Imperial Yeomanry and also Ross Machine Gun Battery, and after the war he joined the Prince of Wales' Own Royal Wiltshire Imperial Yeomanry until 1908, when he exchanged into the Hertfordshire Yeomanry. He is a member of the Bachelors' and Boodle's Clubs.



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MR. G. H. DAWSON.

**Mr. F.
Green.**

MR. FREDERICK GREEN, of Hainault Lodge, Essex, a member of both the Essex Fox and Stag Hounds, was born on June 17th, 1845. In 1860 he went up to Harrow, and three years later began his City life; he then lived with his father at Prince's Gardens, Kensington, and hunted occasionally with the Surrey Union and Old Surrey. In 1868 he married Alice, daughter of Sir Daniel Cooper, first Baronet, himself a hunting man.

Six years later Mr. Green removed to Essex and has since lived at Hainault Lodge, and hunted fairly regularly with the different Essex packs.



Mr. Frederick Green.

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Hainault Lodge, formerly known as Hog Hill House, has pleasant sporting associations. In the eighteenth and the early nineteenth century it was the meeting place of many hunting parties in the neighbourhood of Epping and Hainault Forests. Red deer used to be hunted here, and according to the diary of Master James Carey, a London map publisher, the last recorded hunt in the Forest took place on October 20th, 1827. "Met the Staghounds at Hog Hill House, Hainault Forest (a part of the greater forest of Waltham and Epping) to unharbour a stag. After drawing the coverts a short time, a fine old stag was roused, and took a turn round the forest away for Padnall Corner, hence to Dagenham, and was taken at Plaistow—Red deer to be seen so near the metropolis in their wild state, I consider as a singular circumstance."

Mr. F.
Green.

Mr. Green's name has been frequently mentioned in connection with hunting. On February 16th, 1884, his enthusiasm provoked the admiration of the *Field*, which newspaper, in describing a run from Apes Grove, through Rolls Park, Bishops Hall, Abridge, and the Roden River, says, "Alas! our fate is only deferred for a short time. Over they go: neither the huntsman nor anyone else knows of a ford, and the River Roden, though narrow, is probably one of the boggiest in the Kingdom, its depth is always an uncertainty; Mr. F. Green, however, makes no bones about it, but coolly walks in, and by scrambling and swimming gets over."

Three years later, on Saturday, March 31st, 1887, he was mentioned as having been alone with the Essex Union hounds when they pulled down their fox at Cricksea Village, after a run of 1 hour 8 minutes from Purleigh Wash—a great run.

Mr. Green has hunted with the Essex Staghounds a good deal, and seen many good runs with this well-known pack, under different Masters.

On his horse Madrid, by Don Juan, dam by Vulcan, he won the Essex Hunt Point-to-Point of three and a-half miles in 1883, and in the same year, in the handicapping of riders for a cup given by one of the members of the Essex Hunt, Mr. Albert Deacon, the handicapper, put him top weight at 16.2; he did not compete!

Glyn, by Idler, was another good mount, who carried Mr. Green for six seasons from 1873, and his Colonel won the prize for weight-carrying hunters at the Agricultural Society's Show at Romford in 1901.

His amusement, other than hunting, is golf; he was the first Captain of the Romford Club, a position he held until it was fairly established, when he retired from the Captaincy and was elected President.

During his lifetime in the hunting field he has paid visits to most of the important Midland packs, such as the Grafton, Quorn, Cottessmore, Belvoir, and Craven; and also the Tedworth.

Born in Lancashire on December 9th, 1856, MR. CHARLES LYON MEEK is the son of the late Mr. S. Meek, of that county. Although "entered to fox" with the Meynell Hounds in his boyhood, it is with the Essex Hunt that Mr. Meek is more familiarly acquainted, for he has lived in East Anglia since 1898, and has been up at the conclusion of some of the record runs with this pack during that time. For some years past Mr. Meek has done no hunting; he has, however, travelled a great deal, and has shot big game in East Africa. His present residence is Frog Hall, near Wokingham, in the centre of a good hunting country. He is a keen golf player, and participates in most other country pursuits.

Mr. C. L.
Meek.

MR. HENRY MYHILL, of Great Dawkins, Hempstead, Saffron Walden, a well-known breeder of black-faced Suffolk sheep, has been a consistent follower of the Essex Hounds for the past sixty years. A son of the late Mr. William Myhill, he was born on November 3rd, 1849, and, in 1877, married Lucy, eldest daughter of the late Mr. G. J. Coleman, of Garlands Steeple.

Mr. H.
Myhill.

His daughter, Miss Myhill, who is an excellent horsewoman, is well known with the Essex, Puckeridge, and East Essex.

The Master of the Epping Forest Harriers is MR. JOHN GURNEY RICHARD PELLY, of Theydon Place, Epping. He was born on March 25th, 1855, and is the eldest son of the late Captain R. W. Pelly, R.N., and grandson of Sir H. Pelly, Baronet, both of Trinity House, London. When about eight

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years old he learnt the rudiments of hunting from Mr. Henry Vigne, who then had the Epping Forest Harriers, and he hunted with his grandfather, Mr. Joseph Gurney Fry, the son of Elizabeth Fry, from Hale End, Woodford.

Mr. Pelly entered business with a firm of East India merchants at the age of sixteen, with whom he remained till he was twenty. In 1878 he married the daughter of the late Mr. Charles Leathan, of Gunnersgate Hall, Yorkshire, and settled down at Chigwell, when he began hunting regularly with the Essex Foxhounds. After leaving Chigwell he lived at Goldings, Loughton, then at Trueloves, Ingatestone, and in 1889 came to Theydon Place, which he pulled down and rebuilt in 1895.



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MR. J. G. R. PELLY AND HIS SONS.

Peterborough Shows. The Hunt, as at present constituted, is a club, limited to thirty members, and controlled by a committee of six, including the Master, consisting of Messrs. E. Wahab, Gerald Buxton, W. S. Horner, W. H. Sewell, and Mr. Pelly's son, Mr. Vivian G. Pelly. Of the many hunters which have passed through Mr. Pelly's hands, the best was Snowstorm; The Priest, by Baron Birdcatcher, is at the present time a favourite hunter of his.

Mr. Vivian Gurney Pelly, the elder of Mr. J. G. Pelly's two sons, was born in 1881, and after going to Mr. A. Dunn's at Ludgrove, finished up with Malvern College and a private tutor.

At Malvern he distinguished himself in the football field, and from an early age has always hunted in Essex with both the Foxhounds and the Harriers.

He married, in June, 1907, Dorothy Penrose, daughter of Mr. W. H. Sewell. Mrs. Pelly, who is a keen horsewoman, has hunted all her life, and there is no better lady rider in the county.

We give an illustration of Mr. J. G. Pelly on Kildare, Mr. V. G. Pelly on Pat, and Mr. E. G. Pelly, the younger son, on Craven.

Mr. T.
Usborne.

One of the most generous supporters of the Essex and neighbouring packs is Mr. THOMAS USBORNE, of Writtle, Chelmsford, the son of Mr. Thomas Masters Usborne. He was born in 1810, and learnt to ride as a little boy, but it was not until 1863, when he married Frances Alice, daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Alfred Hardecastle, of Writtle, that he began to hunt regularly. Since that date, however, he has never missed a season's sport, and now, when close upon seventy years of age, averages about five days a fortnight with the Essex, Essex Union, and East Essex Foxhounds: he has been present at the opening meet of the first named at Matching Green for the past forty-two consecutive seasons, excepting only the one year when the meet did not take place. After the resignation of Mr. W. H. White in 1880, of the Mastership of the Essex Union, Mr. Usborne filled the post as a stop-gap for a couple of months until relieved by Captain P. A. W. Carnegie. He used to hunt with the Essex Staghounds very regularly during the Mastership of the Hon. Henry Petre. As



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MR. T. USBORNE.

a public man it will be remembered that he represented the Mid-Essex Division as a Conservative for many years before he was succeeded by Sir Carne Rasch, Baronet. Mr. Usborne has five daughters and six sons. One of the former, Miss Mabel Usborne, is a splendid horsewoman, and is well-known in the hunting field. Mr. Usborne has never ridden in his life with either whip or spur. His best hunter was a white horse named Arthur, and of late years his friends have seen him mostly on his favourite grey cob, The Peacock.

Mr. T.
Usborne.



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MISS MABEL USBORNE.

years in farming. Returning home in 1898, he started again with the Essex packs, and in 1906 went to Harlow, and has since devoted himself mostly to the Essex Foxhounds and Staghounds. In the season of 1907-08 he looked after all the Essex Hunt coverts.

In 1902 and 1903 he borrowed the Eton College Beagles, and hunted them from Writtle for six weeks, with Mr. Arthur Hilton and Miss Maggie Hilliard as whips. Hunting twelve days, he killed nine hares.

Mr. Usborne's best hunter was probably Banbury Lass, and of his present stable, De Beers is equally notable. He rode second on Banbury Lass in the Essex Union Point-to-Point at Burstled in 1905. Two years later he was again second in the East Essex Point-to-Point on Mrs. Clarke's Pedlar. The best run of his

experience was on December 21st, 1906. Hounds met at Thaxted, found at Waste Wood, and ran to ground at Jock Wood, in the middle of the Puckeridge country, making a seven-mile point. Hounds then found again at Little Bendish, and running an eight-mile point lost the fox in the Great Eastern Railway tunnel at Audley End.



MR. R. A. USBORNE.



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SIR EVELYN WOOD.

To enter into an account of the distinguished military career of FIELD-MARSHAL SIR HENRY EVELYN WOOD, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., is beyond the scope of our work. The youngest son of the late Sir John Page Wood, and born in February, 1838, we have read that it was at the Crimea that he made his first acquaintance with horses, and then entered into a partnership with two friends in a diminutive native pony. His partners were killed in action, and he succeeded to the possession of the steed as remainder man. Gazetted to the 13th Light Dragoons, he turned his attention to hunting, but being weakened by his wound he failed upon occasion to hold his horse, and received the full charge of a certain Master's invective for riding over his hounds. The latter, however, upon learning the true state of affairs, substituted a kindly apology

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upon their next meeting. With the full approval of his Commanding Officer, Sir Evelyn became a follower of Squire Farquharson's Hounds, and the same Commanding Officer delivered himself of the remark that young Wood was one of the straightest riders to hounds he ever saw. Quoting from a contemporary: "One day later on he rode very straight when following Mr. Garth's Hounds, so straight, indeed, that he found himself at the bottom of a ha-ha in a certain park." Active service in no way interfered with his love of hunting, as he indulged in it at every opportunity. It was said he could ride anything; he was, however, beaten while in India. The Nawab of Jowra had a giraffe which Sir Evelyn mounted. The extraordinary gait of the startled creature proved too much for him; he was thrown heavily and picked up insensible.

After the Ashantee War he rode with the Draghounds of that fine sportsman, Sir Thomas Lennard, his brother-in-law. When quartered in Ireland he was a diligent follower of the Ward Union Staghounds at a time when they used to sing:—

"To-morrow with Morrogh
We'll hunt with the Ward,"

and upon occasion at one of the banquets his health was proposed with the complimentary addenda that he was "the best soldier who ever came out of Dublin"—a great thing to say when we recall the many fine riders in the Emerald Isle.

THE ESSEX UNION.

THE Essex Union country is bounded on the north and north-west by the Blackwater River, the Essex, and the East Essex, on the south by the River Thames, on the east by the Blackwater River and the Lea, and by the London District on the west. It stretches about thirty miles from east to west, and seventeen from north to south at its widest part. It is a ditch and bank country, where grass is on the increase and is well stocked with stout foxes.

In 1822, the then Lord Petre hunted the country with kennels at Thorndon Hall. Some three years later, he added that lying between Danbury and Tillingham, for which purpose hounds were sent once a fortnight to the "Griffin Inn" at Danbury, makeshift kennels being arranged for them. William Evans, late Cottesmore whip, acted as huntsman until 1824, when he was succeeded by Hort. In 1832, Lord Petre took the Mastership of the Puckeridge, which he retained for three years, Hort accompanying him. In 1836, he resigned the Puckeridge and came back to the Essex Union again. During his absence, the country had been hunted by Messrs. Brewett and Nash, both of whom lived at Rayleigh, where they established their kennels for the first two seasons, while for their third season they kennelled the hounds at Crow's Heath, near Downham. Their huntsman was one Meshach Cornell, a very small man with a very shrill voice, but a most consummate horseman.

On his return, Lord Petre bought the hounds from Mr. Brewett, engaged Joe Roots as his huntsman, and kept him in his service till he resigned the hounds in 1839. Roots then went to the Devon and Somerset Staghounds, returning to Essex as first whip to Lord Petre's son, the Hon. F. Petre, who hunted the Essex Staghounds for many years. During Lord Petre's Masterships, the hounds were known as Lord Petre's Foxhounds. When he resigned in 1869, the country was divided into two Hunts, the north-western portion being known as the Essex Union, and the south-eastern portion the South Essex. Mr. Payne, of Maldon, took the former and hunted it from 1839 to 1848; his huntsman was Will Cross, and the hounds were kept at The Hyde Farm, Danbury, where kennels were built for them by Mr. C. Comyns Parker. The country stretched from Bradwell-on-Sea to Norsey Wood; and the South Essex, which was now being hunted by Mr. Harding Newman, of Nelmes, near Hornchurch, extended from Norsey Wood to Barking. Norsey Wood was drawn by both packs. Mr. Payne was succeeded in 1848 by Mr. Scratton, who had the well-known Jim Morgan as his huntsman. Mr. Scratton hunted twice a week, on Wednesdays and Saturdays; his favourite fixtures were Munden Wash, Rettonden Bell, Hazeleigh Hall, Stock, South Hammingfield Kennels, Lord's Wood, Moore Gardens, Danbury, and Barton Wood. The pack was kept entirely by farmers: "the country heavy to ride over, but carried a good scent; the hedges are all stuck upon preciously high banks, and poor Jim Morgan, who is a bold and as good a rider as ever rode to a pack of hounds, must find a great difference between clambering up and down such obstructions, and charging the 'Rootheners,' as he was wont to do, in such gallant style in days of yore. Jim Morgan started in life some forty years ago, as whip to Mr. Lloyd, of Hintlesham, and was for some time under Mr. Giles Morgan, Master of the Tickham Hounds; he then went to Mr. Conyers, with whom he lived just sixteen years, but left him the season before last."

Mr. Scratton retired in 1851. He was followed by Mr. Ward, who died after his first season, and was succeeded by Mr. James Parker, of Baddow House, who had the reputation of being the handsomest man in Essex; he was certainly one of the most popular. His Hunt servants were Will Cross and Joe Sorrell. Mr. Parker only retained the Mastership for two years, and retired in 1854.

Mr. Scratton again hunted the country, and in the two seasons 1857-59 carried the horn himself. He then engaged Shepherd, previously an Essex whip, as his huntsman. In 1857, he moved the kennels to his own place, Prittlewell Priory, near Southend.

Meanwhile, Mr. Abraham Cawston was hunting the South Essex country; he went out twice a week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays; he was his own huntsman, and his favourite meets were at Warley Common, Ingrave Hall, Dog and Partridge, Stifford, Tilbury Mill, White's Bridge, Stanford-le-Hope, and Ockendon. His kennels were at Mucking on a farm of Mr. Arthur Button,



From a picture in the possession of Dr. Carter, Billericay.

MR. ABRAHAM CAWSTON.

who succeeded him in 1857. A few years later he assumed the name of Cox, on inheriting property from his uncle, Captain Cox, of Harewood Hall, near Upminster.

In 1860, Sir Thomas Lennard, of Belhus, took over the country, with Ransom for his huntsman and kennels at Belhus. He resigned the following spring, when Mr. Scratton undertook to hunt the whole country as Lord Petre had done. These two Hunts were therefore again united. The pack was known as Mr. Scratton's Foxhounds, and he inaugurated his reign with the best season's sport ever known in that country. Shepherd accounted for forty-four and a-half brace of foxes, which still holds pride of place as the Essex Union record. In 1862,

Shepherd went as huntsman to Lord Leconfield's Hounds in Sussex, and his place was taken by Nimrod Long, who, after two seasons, went to the Brocklesby. Harry Rees then carried Mr. Scratton's horn, and remained in the country till 1873, when he went as huntsman to the Kildare. In 1869, Mr. Scratton gave up the hounds.

Lord Petre then prevailed upon Mr. Offin, who farmed some 6,000 acres, to take the pack, which was known as Mr. Offin's Foxhounds. He built the present kennels and stables at Great Burstead, near Billericay, in 1870, on one of his farms which was situated in the centre of his country; the hounds which he had bought from Mr. Scratton for £2,000 were moved there from Prittlewell Priory. In 1873, Rees left, and Mr. Offin then engaged Bentley, previously first whip to the Puckeridge, as his huntsman, who remained with him till he resigned the country in 1875. Bentley then went to Mr. Selby Lowndes, in the Vale of Aylesbury.

Mr. Offin was succeeded by Mr. W. H. White, from the Essex and Suffolk, and East Essex countries; he hunted his hounds himself, and had Joe Bailey for his first whip. Mr. Offin's hounds were bought by the country which were then, for the first time, called the Essex Union, and have remained so ever since. After thirty-eight years of hunting in Essex, Bailey was obliged to retire from active service on account of ill health; he was succeeded, in 1878, by Dick Yeo, previously first whip to the Essex. In 1880, Mr. White retired, and Yeo, leaving at the same time, went to Devonshire to hunt Admiral Parker's Hounds, and thence to Shropshire. Mr. White was followed by Captain Carnegie, of Lour, in Forfarshire, which country he had hunted for nine seasons, he brought with him George Rae, his first whip and kennel huntsman, together with some of his best hounds. He hunted the Essex Union country for eleven years, thus remaining Master for a longer period than any of his predecessors; he hunted his hounds himself, and though a welter-weight, was a wonderfully good horseman. At the end of the season 1890-91, he sent in his resignation, and though the members of the Hunt begged him to keep on the hounds and engage a professional huntsman, his failing health would not permit of his doing so.

He was succeeded by Commander Kemble, R.N., of Great Claydon, who retained George Rae as huntsman. Towards the end of Commander Kemble's third season, Rae had two such severe falls that he was forced to retire, the Master giving up the country at the same time, to the great regret

of all members of the Hunt. He was followed by Mr. Ashton, formerly Master of the Cambridgeshire and the North Warwickshire, who, however, only hunted the hounds for one season, being succeeded, in 1895, by Colonel Hornby, previously Master of the Royal Buckhounds, and of the Devon and Somerset Staghounds; his huntsman was Goddard, who had been with the North Warwickshire, under Mr. Ashton, and who came to Essex with him.

In 1898, Mr. Helme, now Mr. Edward T. Mashiter, of Gatwick, Billericay, took the country, having George Tongue as his huntsman, and H. Willis and Ben Goddard as his whips.

Mr. Mashiter still continues to hunt the hounds, which are kennelled at Great Burstead, Billericay, and consist of fifty couples. George Tongue remains as huntsman, and W. Hale and J. Lewis are first and second whips respectively.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM HENRY FRANCIS, BARON PETRE OF WRITTLE, F.R.S., was born on January 22nd, 1793; son of Robert Edward, the tenth lord, by Mary Bridget, eldest daughter of Henry Howard, and sister to Bernard Edward, fifteenth Duke of Norfolk, he succeeded to the peerage on the death of his father, March 29th, 1809, and took his seat in the Peers on the passing of the Catholic Relief Act.

Lord
Petre
—Master,
1822-32;
1836-39.

A thorough sportsman in his earlier years, he connected himself largely with the Turf, and his successes have been duly recorded in the books of the *Chronicles of Weatherby*. It is with his hunting career, however, that we have a few brief remarks to make, chiefly in connection with the Essex Union. Regarding the connection of the family with this pack, the Honourable Fred. Petre writes: "I quite remember my father (the eleventh Baron and subject of this memoir) telling me what he said to his huntsman, Joe Roots:—'If you kill a fox to-day, you will have killed one more fox than my father did—thirty-three brace.' I think this will show that the hunt existed long before 1822, when my father kept the pack. The old kennels were at the Menagerie, near the old hall in Thorndon Park" (the family seat near Brentwood, Essex).

Noted for his love of the sport and a very keen hand, the noble Master managed to show followers of his pack some very big things in the way of runs. Thus in *Bell's Life* for January 11th, 1831, "the hounds found at Coxhall Wood, near Galleywood Common, away through Jordan's, White's, and Brett's Woods to Mill Hill Wood up to Billericay town, pointing to Laindon Thrifts, and to the right to Hutton on to Mountnessing, with a better scent over the earths which were open in Berry. Through Cock Wood for Arnold's to the left across Hutton Road to Ingrave Hall Wood to Nut Grove to Heron Hall. Headed; through Ingrave village, over the common into Thorndon Park, carried the scent through the deer to Kent's Wood, over Warley Common and village to Childerditch Hall, through the churchyard to Pickell's Bushes and Eastland's Springs to Bottledown Hill, where he was viewed in the valley. Run into by Dinton Spring, after a run of three hours twenty-eight minutes, through twelve parishes and eighteen coverts."

Two days later, another extraordinary run is recorded, when they found in General Strutt's covers (those round Toft's in Little Baddow) "and killed in a cottage garden near Althorne Church." The way hounds went is too lengthy to record here, but the narration winds up with the words, "Run of nearly thirty miles in three and a-half hours," which, if due allowance is made for some over-estimation of distances, gives an idea of the sport enjoyed.

His Lordship's health, which had been failing for some time, compelled him, at the beginning of the year 1839, to retire from the Mastership. Lord Petre was twice married, first on June 2nd, 1815, to Frances Charlotte, eldest daughter of Sir Richard Bedingfield, Baronet, and, secondly, April 14th, 1823, to Emma Agnes, second daughter of the late Mr. Henry Howard, of Corby. He died at his town house in July, 1850, aged fifty-seven.

Of a certain Master of the Essex Union, the wits were wont to remark: "his hat is his own!" It was grotesque in appearance and of prodigious dimensions. As the remainder of the wearer's garb was correspondingly quaint, strangers were wont to ask who he was. The individual in question was Mr. DANIEL ROBERT SCRATTON, J.P., of Prittlewell Priory, Essex, and J.P. in the Ogwell Estates, Devonshire. Later he was lord of the manor of Prittlewell Milton Hall, Southend and Westcliffe,

Mr. D. R.
Scratton
—Master,
1848-51;
1857-59;
1861-69.

Mr. D. R.
Scratton.

Essex, and of East and West Oghwell, Bradley, and Denbury, Devon, lay rector of Canvey Island, and patron of East and West Oghwell. We forbear to give the names of all his properties in the United Kingdom, as space is precious, but would the rather turn to him in connection with our theme.

Born in 1820, he was educated privately and at Exeter College, Oxford. Succeeding to the Prittlewell estates in 1848, he settled down to the duties and pleasures of the life of a country gentleman, for which his sporting tastes eminently fitted him. His property lying in and about Southend, then a small watering-place used by the more exclusive members of society (it being the pre-railway days, of course), he turned his attention to developing the town. Being an exceptionally fine coachman, he put a coach on the road, which he horsed and drove himself, charging only the ordinary fare. His skill with the whip continued after he gave up this coach, and it was his custom, as Master of Hounds, to drive his pack to the meet in a four-horse van, which had previously belonged to Mr. Assheton Smith, if the fixture were a distant one. Among his opinions, and they were most of them strong, he insisted that a Master should own the pack he hunted, as it was calculated to prevent changes, which he regarded as detrimental to any country.



From a picture in the possession of Dr. F. Carter.

MR. D. R. SCRATTON ON BLACKMOOR.

After hunting the country for over twenty years he, at the end of the season 1868-69, decided to give up his hounds, and sold fifty couples. Southend having also risen greatly in value, he sold that property and went to live in Devonshire, taking with him a life-like presentation portrait of himself, painted by a pupil of Sir Francis Grant, which we are able to reproduce, with others, by the kindness of Dr. F. Carter, of Billericay, mounted on Blackmoor in the park.

"The Squire," as the country loved to call him, was a workman in the field, and if at times his language was more expressive than polite, his departure to Devonshire from Essex was generally regretted, as his hospitality and benevolence were great and unpretending. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-two in the early part of 1902.

Lt.-Col.
P. A. W.
Carnegy
—Master,
1880-91.

A cadet of the noble family of Northesk and an Indian Mutiny veteran, LIEUT.-COLONEL PATRICK ALEXANDER WATSON CARNEGIE is a J.P. and D.L. for Forfarshire, and Major and Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) Fifeshire and Forfarshire Imperial Yeomanry, late Captain Queen's Bays and 15th Hussars. Such is part of a quotation from *Walford*. The subject of these notes, who belongs to one of the oldest families in Scotland, is the eldest son of the late Mr. Patrick Watson Carnegie, of Lour, was born in 1836, and, after going to Harrow, joined the Queen's Bays in 1853. His Indian service as an officer in that fine corps, when he went through the Indian Mutiny, gained him a medal; but, seeing no prospect of more hard fighting at the conclusion of that campaign, he, after exchanging into the 15th Hussars, retired from the Service in 1860. One of the most efficient soldiers of the day and a master-at-arms in the true sense, he was not lost to the Service, as he organized and commanded the Forfarshire Light Horse Volunteers, subsequently enrolled with the Imperial Yeomanry.

After resigning his commission, Lieut.-Colonel Carnegie took Clipstone, in Northamptonshire, and soon gained a name as one of the most skillful and straightest riders in the shires. In 1863 he married Elizabeth Diana, daughter of Mr. Duncan Davison, of Tulloch, and in addition to hunting regularly with the local packs of foxhounds, kept a smart pack of harriers for home diversion on his own estates.

In 1874, Colonel Greenhill Jardine resigned the Mastership of the Forfarshire, and Colonel (then Captain) Carnegie consented to become Master. Until 1880 he hunted this very difficult country with great success, but the Hunt was discontinued in that year. The country was not, however, unmindful of its debt of gratitude, as at the termination of his office the gallant officer was presented, at an enthusiastic meeting held at Dundee, with a full-length portrait of himself surrounded by some of his pet hounds.

**Lt.-Col.
P. A. W.
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Shortly afterwards Lieut.-Colonel Carnegie took the pack with him to Essex, and as a Master of the Essex Union for eleven years showed the county splendid sport and many long runs. Always quiet, courteous, and considerate to peer or peasant, he, although on the quiet side as a huntsman, was always thorough in the science. Patient and untiring, he was ever with his hounds, which had his confidence and worked for him in a manner that few amateur huntsmen could expect. His knowledge of hound breeding was always great.

Among many other accomplishments as a sportsman, we may mention that he is a crack shot and first-class whip.

MR. EDWARD THOMAS MASHITER, of Gatwick, Billericay, the Master of the Essex Union since 1898, was born September 21st, 1842; he is the son of the late Mr. Thomas Helme, of Hornchurch Lodge, Essex, and assumed the name of Mashiter in 1899, in accordance with the will of his great-uncle, Mr. Thomas Mashiter. In 1867 he married Augusta, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Henry Amesley Hawkins, of Topcliffe, Yorkshire. He was educated at Winchester College, and began hunting with the Essex at the age of eight during the Mastership of Mr. Henley Greaves (his father then residing at Thoby Priory, Brentwood). Since 1861 he has hunted both with the Essex and the Essex Union, and has had occasional days with many other packs.

**Mr. E. T.
Mashiter
present
Master.**



MR. E. T. MASHITER.

He was Honorary Secretary to the Essex Union Hunt from 1878 to 1891, and on his retirement was presented with a testimonial, and a silver candelabra by the members of the Hunt.

He has possessed many capital performers in the field, such as Jester, from the Compton Stud, whom he rode for ten seasons, on whom Mr. Mashiter is shown in the illustration; Hebe, a grey mare, whom he rode for several seasons; Camelia, a well-bred mare, up to weight; and Vishnu (purchased from the Bicester Hunt).



MR. W. H. GARDINER.

MR. L. KIRK, of Fitzwalters, Shenfield, Essex, has officiated as Honorary Secretary of the Essex Union Hunt since 1906.

**Mr. L.
Kirk
—Hon. Sec.**

MR. WILLIAM HENRY GARDINER, of Wasketts Hill, Basildon, was born on August 6th, 1850, and is the son of the late Mr. William Gardiner, of East Hanningfield Hall, Essex; he was educated at Baldock, in Hertfordshire, and married Alice, third daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Ardley, of Long Melford, Suffolk. Mr. Gardiner commenced following hounds as a lad of sixteen in Hertfordshire with the late Squire Hale's Hounds, which pack he followed for about fifteen years, and afterwards joined the Essex Union, then under the Mastership of the late Mr. Daniel R. Scrutton. He has hunted also with the neighbouring packs as well as the Tabor Harriers, the Old Barstable Hundred, and the Essex Staghounds. Amongst other races he has four times succeeded in winning the Essex Union Point-to-Point, and is owner of four silver

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cups and money prizes. He has been a successful breeder of hunters, for his own use, of whom Zilla, out of an Irish mare, by Sir Peter, whom he rode for fourteen seasons, and Venus, out of Venus, by Saint Clare, who for eight seasons never once let him down, were two of the best.

Mr. F. Hilder.

MR. FRANK HILDER, of Hnskards, Ingatestone, the son of the late Mr. Edward Martin Hilder, of Ash Place, Sevenoaks, Kent, was born on October 3rd, 1864, and educated privately. It was not until the age of thirty, when he came to reside in Essex, that Mr. Hilder commenced to hunt regularly; he then became a member of the Essex Union Hunt and the Essex Staghounds.

Possessing some useful horses at various times, one of his best was Diana, originally the property of Colonel F. R. Rhodes. Nigger was a good stayer, who won the Essex Union Point-to-Point in 1905. He also had a good heavy-weight hunter named Punch, who was his charger in the Essex Imperial Yeomanry, of which Mr. Hilder was a member since its formation, retiring as captain after six years' service to raise and command the Essex R.H.A. and Mounted Brigade Ammunition Column. He is still greatly interested in military matters, being a member of the Territorial Forces Association, Essex County. He is, moreover, the founder of the Essex Branch of the National Service League. He has done a considerable amount of yachting, his greatest success being the May Challenge Cup in 1903, at Ramsgate, he was also second in the Gold Cup in the same year. He was a keen polo player when time permitted, being a member of Ranelagh and The Hutton Polo Clubs.



MR. F. HILDER.

Mr. H. Horton.

Known almost as well in the coaching world as in the hunting field, Mr. HENRY HORTON, of Hascalls, Brentwood, Essex, was born in June, 1842, and educated at Cheltenham College. His first taste of foxhunting was in 1857 with the South Devon Hounds, at that time under the second Mastership of Sir Henry P. Seale, Baronet. Some seasons with the Old Surrey and Burstow followed next, but since 1869, Mr. Horton has regularly hunted four days a week with the Essex Union, and is one of this Hunt's oldest riding members. From The Holt, Middleton Cheney, near Banbury, his Warwickshire seat, Mr. Horton has also enjoyed great sport with the Bicester, Whaddon Chase, and Lord Rothschild's Staghounds.

Some very clever performers in the way of hunters have belonged to this sportsman, but Mr. Horton has never given preference to any particular horse or mare in his stud. It may be stated with certainty that no whip has handled a team more thoroughly throughout England than Mr. Horton, who is one of the oldest active members of the Coaching Club, and of its Committee. He also belongs to the Carlton and the leading Conservative Clubs; is a J.P. for Essex and D.L. for Middlesex.

Mr. E. E. Rogers.

MR. ERNEST EDWARD ROGERS who was born on March 9th, 1857, is the son of the late Mr. James Rogers, of Warlingham, Surrey. He commenced hunting with the Old Berkeley, and has followed many of the best packs in the kingdom. He has also hunted some few seasons in France, and with the Werribee Pack of Foxhounds, in Melbourne, where he has done much kangaroo hunting.

Since taking up his residence in Essex, he has hunted with the Essex Union Hounds, and is a member of the Sub-Committee of the Hunt. Mr. Rogers has owned many fine thoroughbred hunters during his time, and for the past twenty-five years has been a large breeder. He is a member of the Royal Yacht Club, and lives at Billericay, Essex.

MISS AUGUSTA SAMBUREZ TAWKE, the second daughter of the late Mr. A. Tawke, D.L., J.P., of The Lawn, Rochford, Essex, first became acquainted with the saddle at the tender age of three years on a donkey. She has regularly hunted with the Essex Union since 1871, and is now one of the principal supporters. She has also visited the Quorn, the East Kent, and Mr. Garth's Hounds.

Miss A. S.
Tawke.

Of her horses, Jane, a most brilliant fencer, whom she rode for four seasons; Tiger, who carried her for eighteen seasons, and who only made three mistakes in all that time; Grace, Margaret, and Madge, whom she rode in the famous King William run, from Rookwood, killing at the "King William," near Dunmow, February 26th, 1891, were all good performers.

Miss Tawke is a well-known hard-riding horsewoman in the Essex Union, and follows the hounds at every possible chance. Her spare time is almost entirely devoted to public work, she is Secretary to no less than four societies dealing with Essex, and lives at Bullwood Hall, Hockley.

MR. HENRY RICHARD BLOMFIELD TWEED, B.A., of Laindon Frith, Billericay, was born on December 7th, 1856, at Batchcott Rectory, Ludlow, Shropshire, and is the son of the late

Mr. H. R.
B. Tweed.



MR. H. R. B. TWEED.

Rev. Henry Wilson Tweed, M.A. He was educated at Winchester College (where he was a successful footballer), and Exeter College, Oxford; he subsequently studied Law, and was admitted as a solicitor in 1883. In 1895 he married Marion Keith, second daughter of the late Mr. R. Jonson, of Hope House, Little Burstead, Essex. He first hunted with the South Herefordshire Hounds, and upon taking up his residence in Essex, he followed the Essex Hounds, the East Essex, and the Essex Union up till 1895, when he transferred his allegiance to the Essex Union entirely, continuing with them till 1902. He was, for several years, Secretary to the Essex Union Wire Committee, and is now on the District Committee in which he resides. He still helps the Hunt by his assistance in the preservation of foxes.

From 1880 up to 1895 he rode as a gentleman steeplechase rider, and took an active part in the Essex Union Point-to-Point Races up to 1902, in which year he had a bad fall, since when he has been able to ride but little.

Whilst in Australia his sporting instincts found vent in kangaroo hunting, flat and hurdle racing. His most successful year between the flags, in the Old Country, was during 1901, when he had a score of wins out of thirty mounts. Mr. Tweed's good performers in the field have been numerous, such as Dauntless, by Hominy—Fearless, and Lord Alfred, by Aéronaut—Barbara (winner of many steeplechases), who met his death in April, 1894, at the Essex Hunt Meeting.

Trout fishing and the breeding of Aberdeen terriers (with which he has been most successful, and has won many prizes at the principal shows) now form his pastimes.

Mrs. Tweed, on her favourite hunter, Broughton, was a well-known figure with the Essex Foxhounds from 1890 till 1902.

COLONEL GEORGE WILDING WOOD, J.P., born October 9th, 1840, is the eldest surviving son of the late Rev. R. Mountford Wood, Rector of Alderbury, near Tring, Hertfordshire. He was educated under the Rev. Dr. Merriman at Bridgnorth, in Shropshire, and at Christ Church College, Oxford. He was gazetted ensign in the 56th Regiment (Pompadoours), March 23rd, 1860. As a lad he hunted with the "O.B.H.," Lord Brownlow's Harriers, and the Hertfordshire Foxhounds. He went to India in 1861, where he had some big-game shooting and pig-sticking. Since his return to this country, in 1876, Colonel Wood has regularly followed the Essex Union Hounds, of which he is one of the chief supporters, the Essex Foxhounds, and occasionally the Essex Staghounds.

Colonel G.
W. Wood.

He is fond of fishing and shooting; he is a member of the Army and Navy Club, and lives at Docklands, Ingatestone, Essex; he is a Justice of the Peace for the county of Essex.



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THE ENFIELD CHACE (1908)

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TO the enterprise of Queen Elizabeth must be credited the inauguration of "The chase of the hart" in the country which now forms the territory of the Enfield Chace Staghounds.

The first occasion, of which any record of this sport exists, is coincident with the time of Her Majesty's residence at Hatfield House. A chronicler of the period has stated that "in April, 1557, the Princess Elizabeth was escorted from Hatfield to Enfield Chace by a retinue of twelve ladies in white satin, on ambling palfries, and twenty yeomen in green on horseback, that Her Grace might hunt the hart.

"On entering the Chace she was met by fifty archers in scarlet coats, blue lapels, and yellow caps and vests, and by way of closing the sport the Princess was gratified with the privilege of cutting the throat of a buck."

"Hunting the hart" in these days took the form of harassing a stag or hind with dogs until the animal was sufficiently exhausted to be shot at with arrows and then despatched. It would seem that the love of this sport, with which the Queen became imbued in her youth, had in no way abated in her declining years. The diarist, Robert Carey, Earl of Monmouth, speaking of events which happened in 1596, says:—"The Queen came from Theobalds to Enfield House to dinner, and after dinner she had toils set up in the park to shoot at the buck."

The next sovereign enjoyed hunting not a whit less than Queen Elizabeth, for in 1606, Sir Robert Cecil, who succeeded his father to the Manor of Theobalds, entertained King James I. there. His Majesty having become enamoured of this place from its proximity to an extensive tract of open country favourable to the diversion of deerhunting, his favourite amusement, he exchanged it for his palace at Hatfield.

"The tract of open country" to which the historian refers, comprised a goodly portion of the northern part of Middlesex, which nearly three centuries later became the territory of the Enfield Chace Staghounds when the hunting glories of that county were revived by Colonel Somerset in 1885. Between that date and the days of James I. no record of hunting in that country exists.

The Colonel began with twenty-six couples of hounds drafted chiefly from the Hertfordshire Hunt, with James as huntsman and for whip Charles Turner, who had been with him in the Herts Hunt, and previously with Lord Southampton. During the whole of the Colonel's Mastership of fourteen years, the deer paddock and kennels were situated on his estate, Enfield Court, Enfield, and to obtain new blood, most of the leading stallion hounds of other kennels were called into requisition.

With the help of the Marquess of Salisbury (then Viscount Cranbourne), Colonel Somerset re-instituted the same Hunt liveries which had been in use in the time of Queen Elizabeth and King James, particulars of which were recorded in the library at Hatfield. They consisted of scarlet coats with blue lapels, yellow waistcoats, and yellow caps. The same uniform with the slight alteration of a black cap, a change for which a later Master, Mr. W. Walker, was responsible, still pertains.

Two or three seasons after the inauguration of the Hunt, Charles Turner succeeded James as huntsman, and this veteran continued in office, except for a short break when Tom Bailey took his place, until 1907. He retired to become "mine host" of a little inn in Essex. Turner was succeeded by Charles Strickland, who came with Mr. Bulger, the present Master, and is still in office as kennel huntsman.

The Hunt continued to afford the country good sport on two days a week until Colonel Somerset was advised by his doctor to give up the Mastership in 1899. A good all-round sportsman, his resignation was regretted by the whole country-side. On the Colonel's secession from office, a sale of the hounds was held at Enfield Court by Messrs. Tattersall. Mr. J. Hills Hartridge purchased them and became Master.

This gentleman had previously seen a lot of hunting in Lincolnshire, and his knowledge of hounds and deer was almost brought to a science. Disclaiming to ask for a guarantee, he immediately began to re-organize the Hunt and to improve the pack, which had deteriorated greatly from its pristine splendour. Mr. Hartridge's generosity took the form of building new kennels, loose boxes, and deer paddocks at the Old Fold Manor Farm, at Hadley. He weeded out a great deal of the old pack and hunted a pack of twenty-five couples of 24-inch hounds. The hunting days were three a fortnight, with an occasional by-day. The Master himself lived at Holmwood, Hendon, and his servants' quarters were at Hadley. The result of Mr. Hartridge's energies in this direction was that during his *régime* the duration of the runs were more often nearer three hours than two, and several were almost records. For example, the run on Boxing Day, 1899, may be cited. Hounds met at Butterwick Farm, Smallford, and took the hind at Laton Hoo Park after 3½ hours. Hounds ran nearly thirty miles, the first hour being without a check. This is considered the best run the Hunt has ever experienced. Mr. Hartridge's was essentially a popular Mastership, as his average of forty invitations from residents and his increasing membership list would testify. On his unexpected resignation in 1901 after two years' Mastership, the hounds and kennels were sold *en bloc* to a Committee, who deputed Mr. Charles Arnold to hunt the country with a guarantee of £1,000 annually.

Without change this arrangement continued for two seasons, when Captain Arthur Hill took over the reins of office for one season and was succeeded by Mr. W. Walker of Shenley, whose early Mastership signalled better times for the Hunt. He purchased the hounds and kennelled them on his own estate, High Canons, Shenley, on the borders of Hertfordshire and Middlesex. He also transferred the deer paddocks from Hadley to Shenley. Turner was huntsman and Will Friend whipped-in to a pack consisting of twenty-two and a-half couples of hounds, the paddocks enclosing twenty deer and stags.

Though in every way a keen sportsman, Mr. Walker was not supported sufficiently in return for the excellent sport which he gave the country. In 1907 he sold the hounds to a Committee of five gentlemen, Mr. D. Bulger, Mr. Charles Arnold, Mr. E. Tabernacle, Mr. A. B. Sanderson, and Mr. W. B. Cranfield. Mr. Bulger acts as Master, and hunts the hounds himself. Owing to lack of suitable accommodation further south, the kennels and deer paddocks have been removed to Beeson's End, Harpenden, the Master's headquarters, almost on the extreme northern boundary of the Hunt territory.

The Enfield Chase country has sadly suffered from the encroachment of the builder, especially in the south, but good sport is nevertheless still maintained, and the present prospects for the Hunt, both from the financial and sporting point of view, are better than ever. A great deal of this is due to the Master, who, in addition to being a popular sportsman, is also a practical huntsman, and to the fact that the Committee owning the hounds are all keen hunting men.

The Enfield Chase hunts by invitation in Middlesex and Hertfordshire on Saturdays and alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays. The annual invitation meets to Toddington, Bedfordshire, form a great feature of the Hunt, where the members are entertained by the Bedfordshire farmers, of whom Mr. R. Norman Atwood officiates as Secretary on these occasions.

The gratitude of all followers of hounds will ever be extended to COLONEL SIR ALFRED SOMERSET, to whose energies the Enfield Chase Staghounds stand as a lasting testimony.

Born on September 5th, 1829, the only son of the late Colonel, The Right Hon. Lord John Thomas Somerset, seventh son of the fifth Duke of Beaufort, by his marriage with Lady Catherine Annesley, daughter of the first Earl of Mountmorres, Sir Alfred Plantagenet

Frederick Charles Somerset is closely linked with the great house of Somerset, of which his cousin, the ninth Duke of Beaufort, is now the head.



From a painting by Hon. J. Collier.

COLONEL SIR A. SOMERSET.

Colonel
Sir A.
Somerset
— Master,
1885-99.

Following in the footsteps of his father, who had hunted all his life with the Duke of Beaufort's Hounds, Sir Alfred began to hunt when eight years old, though strange to relate he has never followed the family pack at Badminton.

Colonel
Sir A.
Somerset.

Educated at Charterhouse, and afterwards studying for the Army, his early years did not savour much of sport, and it was only when he had entered the Service that he began to hunt with any regularity.

His first regiment was the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, the 52nd Regiment, which he entered in 1817, and after serving in Canada, exchanged the same year into the 13th Prince Albert's Light Infantry. Following this, he was stationed in Ireland for three years, then served in Scotland, where he hunted with most of the leading packs; the regiment was later ordered to the Cape and then to Gibraltar, where he followed the Calpé Hounds.

In 1852, Sir Alfred succeeded to his present estate, Enfield Court, Enfield, and, quitting the Service, he took up hunting in earnest with the Hertfordshire, Essex, Puckeridge, and Old Berkshire.

So prominently did he associate himself with the first-named Hunt, that in 1875, on the death of the Master, Mr. Gerard Leigh, he was asked to be one of the Committee of three to take over the hounds, Lord Dacre and Captain Young being his colleagues. The two latter eventually resigned, and Colonel Blake became Joint-Master with Sir Alfred until 1885, when our subject started the Enfield Chase Staghounds.

Sir Alfred recalls an interesting occasion when the King, then Prince of Wales, hunted with the Hertfordshire Hounds. The Prince was staying at Luton Hoo, Mr. Leigh's old home, and hounds met at 11.30 on December 10th, 1880. His Royal Highness enjoyed himself immensely till hounds were whipped off at 3.45 in the afternoon.

On starting the Enfield Chase, Sir Alfred continued to hunt with the Hertfordshire and other packs, and his interest in foxhunting in no way abated. He was a member of the Herts Hunt Club from 1852 till 1899. His Mastership of fourteen years was most propitious, the sport which he showed rivalling that of any other pack of staghounds in the kingdom.

His resignation, in 1899, came as a surprise to the Hunt, for though, at the time, seventy years of age, he felt in no way the weight of his years. Acting under orders from a medical man who was almost a total stranger to him, he sold the hounds to Mr. J. Hills Hartridge, and found out, too late, that he was not, after all, so ill as he had been led to believe. The fact that he continued to hunt regularly with the Enfield Chase and other packs till 1905, was proof of the error of the medical dictum. In 1897 he was the recipient of a well-deserved testimonial from his friends and the members of the Hunt, in the presentation of an oil painting of himself, painted by the Hon. John Collier, a reproduction of which we are enabled to give by the kind permission of Sir Alfred.

His best horses, during his long career as Master of Hounds, were Afghanistan; Goldfinder, by Rapid; and Rufus, by King John.

In the coaching world Sir Alfred is as well known as in the hunting field. He is one of the oldest members of the Four-in-Hand and Coaching Clubs, and his team is still a feature of the meets in Hyde Park. In 1875 he started the "Hirondelle" four-horse coach, from Enfield to Hitchin, going through Hatfield Park, by kind permission of the late Lord Salisbury. He had four teams on the road, and during the sixteen years that he ran the coach Sir Alfred himself drove it, having no other coachman.

He was created C.B. by Queen Victoria in 1892, and K.C.B. in 1902, by King Edward, in recognition of his energies in raising the standard of our auxiliary forces. Ever interested in volunteering, he formed the 35th Middlesex in 1860, and in addition to later commands, he was Colonel of the 7th Rifle Brigade for twenty years, the Central London Rifle Rangers some years; he is now Honorary Colonel of the 7th R.B.

Sir Alfred Somerset married in 1857, Adelaide Harriet, daughter of Vice-Admiral Sir G. Brooke-Pechelle, Baronet. Their only child now, Mrs. A. P. Somerset, has hunted a good deal. Sir Alfred is a J.P. and D.L. for Middlesex, and a member of the Army and Navy Club.

Concerning Mr. J. HILLS HARTRIDGE as a noted all-round sportsman, there is no lack of matter for writing, but it is chiefly with his hunting career that we have to do at present.

Mr. J. H.
Hartridge
—Master,
1899-1901.

**Mr. J. H.
Hartridge.**

He was born on January 24th, 1855, the eldest son of the late Mr. James Hartridge, of an old Suffolk family. His mother was formerly a Miss Susannah Hills, daughter of Mr. James Hills, of the Manor House, Kirton, Ipswich, a noted agriculturist and sportsman, whose son, Mr. James Hills, it was who taught the subject of these notes, his nephew, to hunt and shoot.

On completing his education at Seckford Grammar School, Woodbridge, he came to London on business for ten years or so, after which he took up shooting on a big scale, leasing Fiskerton Hall coverts, near Lincoln, from whence he was enabled to hunt with the Blankney and Burton for six or seven years. His next move was to Norton Place, Lincoln, where he spent three years, sharing a shoot of about 5,000 acres belonging to Sir Hugh Cholmondeley.



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MR. J. HILLS HARTRIDGE.

In the meantime Mr. Hartridge had been out with some of the metropolitan packs. His servants were always well mounted, Turner, the huntsman, being very well known on Stocking, a fine hunter that had already won over ten first prizes in the ring before he came into Mr. Hartridge's possession, and Lady Muriel, who won the 2nd Life Guards' Point-to-Point, beating a field of twenty-nine runners.

Mr. Hartridge, however, was not destined to be rewarded immediately for his enterprise, for a cycling accident befell him in the autumn of 1899, and he was unable to take his place in the field until January 27th, 1900.

The first Meet of the Hunt under his Mastership took place on November 10th, 1899, at Mr. Madge's farm, Holly Hill, Enfield, when a hind named Holly Hill, which later became notorious, was first tried. Mr. Hartridge's Mastership was memorable for the excellent runs that were in evidence, and he ensured these by having his deer constantly exercised in their open-air paddock, so that when hunted, they would have plenty of stamina. Holly Hill, the above-mentioned hind, was responsible for many of these good runs, and was ultimately left out in Sir Robert Wilmot's country, when Captain Arthur Hill was Master of the Enfield Chase. Meeting once at Cole Green, the hind was taken at Hammoud Street after running 4 hours 30 minutes, and covering about thirty-five miles.

Another famous run was that of December 22nd, 1900, when an untried hind named Bocket was uncarted at Bell Bar, Hatfield, and after running through Essendon, Little Berkhamsted, Bayford, Woolmers Park, Cole Green, Attamore Hall, Digswell, Bocket Park, and Coleman Green, hounds were whipped off, a 3 hours 20 minutes run with only about one check.

Among other good hunters which Mr. Hartridge had were Shamrock, Flying Duchess, The Colonel, Harkaway, Black Beauty, Tally-ho, and Spanker.

His Warwick, bought from Sir Gilbert Greenall, won the first prize as Light-weight Hunter, and the Hunters' Improvement Society Silver Medal at the Waltham Cross and Three Counties' Horse and Foal Society in 1900, and Stocking took the first prize in the same show as a heavy-weight, and his Shamrock the second prize.

Mr. Hartridge gave up the Mastership of the Enfield Chase in 1901, and he now hunts mostly with the Hertfordshire (of which he is a member), Middlesex Farmers' Drag, O.B.H., and occasionally with the Whaddon Chase, Oakley, and Belvoir. His sporting proclivities do not stop at shooting and hunting, for he is a good salmon and trout fisherman, and has the waters that go through his Yorkshire moor. For the last fifteen years he has been a member of the Yorkshire Anglers' Club, which Association rents a large stretch of the Rivers Eden, Eamont, Lowther, and Aire.

Mr. Hartridge married on September 20th, 1882, Victoria Alice, daughter of Mr. William Bedford,



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MRS. BRANSBY YULE.

of The Hollies, Winthorpe, Newark. Mrs. Hartridge formerly hunted mostly with the Belvoir and Cottesmore; her eldest daughter, Rose Marie, was, before her marriage to Dr. Bransby Yule, well known with the Herts and Enfield Chase. Mr. Hartridge is a member of the Constitutional Club, London.

Mr. J. H.
Hartridge.

MR. CHARLES ARNOLD, one of the Committee of five gentlemen who at present own the Enfield Chase Staghounds, has also figured in the capacity of a former Master of the pack. He was born on June 8th, 1852, at Fawley in Hampshire, where his family had been in residence for many generations, and had become famous as a line of sportsmen. Mr. Arnold's father, the late Mr. James Arnold, was known in his day as one of the best shots in the county.

Mr. C.
Arnold
—Master,
1901-03.

The New Forest Foxhounds gave our subject his initial experiences of hunting—at the age of eight; he had occasional days with this pack until he went to London in 1871.

From London he enjoyed sport with Mr. Blake's Harriers and later changed to the West Surrey Staghounds. For five seasons he was also a regular subscriber to the West Kent Foxhounds, and in the old days was a patron of the East Grinstead Harriers.

On the formation of the Enfield Chase Staghounds by Colonel Somerset, now Sir Alfred, in 1884, Mr. Arnold became interested in the project, and has ever since been a regular subscriber and member of the Hunt. Indeed, for several seasons he never missed a single meet. For the last fourteen years he has also been a prominent supporter of the Middlesex Farmers' Drag, and is a subscriber of the Berkhamsted Staghounds, with

which pack he also hunts. The hunter, Stocking, bought at Tattersalls, was Mr. Arnold's best mount during his term of office. He has also been the owner of several other good hunters, amongst them being Rapid, winner of first prize at the Agricultural Hall 1886, Rob Roy who won a point-to-point in 1889, and Black Bess who was successful in a similar race in 1892.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. C. AND MRS. ARNOLD.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. D. D. BULGER.

The recently elected Master of the Enfield Chase Staghounds, MR. DANIEL DELANY BULGER, is another of those Irish sportsmen who have taken up hunting seriously in England.

Mr. D. D.
Bulger
—present
Master.

The son, and grandson, of keen hunting men of their day, Mr. Bulger was born at Kilrush, county Clare, on December 19th, 1865. He is the son of the late Mr. D. S. Bulger, of the Stock Exchange, Dublin, his mother being formerly a Miss Delany, of county Limerick, whose father was well known on the Irish Turf. Mr. Bulger's ancestor, Mr. Con. Delany, was a well-known sportsman who hunted his own foxhounds over a portion of what is now Limerick territory, in the wild days of Irish sport.

On completing his education at the French College, Blackrock, county Dublin, Mr. Bulger proceeded to Trinity College, Dublin, where he made a name for himself as an athlete, and finished up by taking his degree.

Mr. D. D.
Bulger.

Being confined by space, we are only able here to touch lightly upon this side of his career. At College he won many of the principal events at the annual sports, also many championships, including the 120 yards hurdle four times in succession; the 220 yards; the 100 yards Challenge Cup three years in succession; and, among other events, held the record for hurdles, $15\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, from 1892 till the honour was wrested from him by the American, Kranzlein, in 1905. The Long Jump Championship for three years running also became his. He held, too, the 120 yards Hurdle Championship of England in 1891 and 1892, and the long jump three years. After leaving the University, he became a member of the Dublin Stock Exchange, thus following in the footsteps of his father.

His first day out with hounds was on his twelfth birthday, and the pack was Mr. Reeves' Harriers in county Clare. Later on he acted as whip to these hounds for several years. With the Meath Hounds he obtained his first taste of foxhunting, and the Ward Union Staghoumds was his principal pack from 1885 till 1899, in which year he migrated to London, becoming, three years later, a member of the London Stock Exchange.

Living at Leighton Buzzard and in Hertfordshire, Mr. Bulger has since 1899 continually hunted with the Hertfordshire, the Whaddon Chase Foxhounds, Lord Rothschild's, and the Enfield Chase Staghoumds. In 1903 he became Secretary to the Stock Exchange Point-to-Point Meeting, and the success of that annual event owes much to his untiring efforts in that honorary position.

Mr. Bulger's best horse was an almost clean bred gelding named Uphantes, by Hackler, dam Bessie, by Ascetic, a good performer, who won for him many points-to-points, including two in the Hertfordshire Hunt Meeting, two Enfield Chase, two in the Collindale Drag, and four races with the Bath Harriers. He also ran second in the Scotch Grand National of 1899. Later, he passed into the possession of Mr. J. E. Stevens, and won for him nine out of eleven steeplechases. It should also be mentioned that Mr. Bulger, in 1907, won the Vale of Aylesbury Heavy-Weight Race, riding his own horse, Biscuit Box II. At present, his favourite mount is Needles, up to fifteen stone, and good at anything.

In 1893, Mr. Bulger married the daughter of Mr. James Daly, of Liffey Bank, Dublin. Mrs. Bulger, who died in 1904, had hunted all her life in county Cork and Dublin, and with her husband in England. Mr. Bulger has four sons, all athletes, and one daughter. Every one of them is an adept in the saddle.

Mr. E.
Tabernacle
—Hon. Sec.

The popular Honorary Secretary of the Enfield Chase Staghoumds, MR. ERNEST TABERNACLE, has long been associated with hunting in Hertfordshire, though it was not till the year 1905 that he



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MR. E. TABERNACLE.

became a regular follower of the Enfield Chase; he hunted the Hertfordshire Foxhounds, during the *régime* of Gerard Leigh and Bob Ward. With this pack, too, he hunted regularly during the successive Masterships of Captain Peacock, the late Mr. Sworder, and the present Master, Mr. Harrison.

Before moving to his present residence, The Hollies, Potter's Bar, Mr. Tabernacle lived at Minster House, Harpenden, which he himself built, and so named after a well known hunter he possessed called Minster, by Kidderminster, bought from the late Mr. John Gubbins; this horse carried him six seasons without a fall.

When living at Minster House, Harpenden, Mr. Tabernacle subscribed to, and hunted occasionally with the Berkhamsted Staghoumds, and on visits with the South Berks, the New Forest Fox and Stag Houmds, and the Devon and Somerset Staghoumds.

The best horse now in his stables is Mafeking, by Felix, foaled on Mafeking Day.

Mrs. TABERNACLE is also a well known lady rider with the Enfield Chase Staghounds. Early in 1908 she suffered from a fall, which will, it is feared, probably incapacitate her from the sport for some little time.

Mr. JAMES CRAIG, of The Woodside Farm, Hatfield, only started to hunt in 1900, and cannot claim to be a prominent or old supporter of the Enfield Chase Stag-hunt. He comes of an essentially Scotch stock, and was born on October 16th, 1862, in Ayrshire, where his father, Mr. John Craig, represented a family of old established farmers.

He learnt to ride on a half-bred horse, by a pure Arabian, out of a Highland mare. During his boyhood his father migrated to Craginish, Argyllshire, where he farmed 5,200 acres, and it was here that Mr. J. Craig was educated. When he was twenty-eight he started farming for himself at Benderloch, Argyllshire, where he lived for seven years, and then went to Fife for another five years. In 1900, Mr. Craig became bailiff farmer to Sir William Selby Church, Baronet, and has since then hunted with the Enfield Chase, and occasionally with the Hertfordshire Foxhounds and the Middlesex Farmers' Drag.

His best hunter is Frivolity (1901), a blood mare by St. Hilaire—Vespa Regina, by Royal Hampton. He also hunts Duchess, a good weight-carrier and fast, by Tacitus, by Hermit (Derby winner). Also Jenny Lind, by Queens Caunclair, a grand mare over any country.

Mr. Craig married in 1889, and has seven sons and two daughters. Farming for Sir William Church an estate of 400 acres, he is a keen breeder of Clydesdale horses for farm work, preferring them to shire horses, as in his opinion they are the best draught horses living. He is a member of the Clydesdale Horse Society.

One of the staunchest supporters of the Enfield Chase Staghounds, and especially of that Hunt Point-to-Point Meeting held annually at Northaw, Mr. EDMUND ELDRED can also claim to rank amongst the oldest followers of this pack.

He is a representative of a long line of Hertfordshire farmers, his father having settled at the time of his son's birth at King's Walden, Hitchin. His mother, a Miss Timpson, was also of the same county. Born in 1864, Mr. Eldred was educated at Hitchin Grammar School, and when about twelve began hunting, during "Bob" Ward's term of office, with the Hertfordshire Hunt.

In 1887, after ten years spent chiefly in London, he took up his residence in Barnet, and has since that date hunted regularly every season with the Enfield Chase Staghounds.

He was prominently associated with one or two other gentlemen in originating the Enfield Chase Hunt Meeting, and generally acts as Clerk of the Scales as well as being on the Committee.

Married to Miss Schmidt, daughter of Mr. Daniel Schmidt, J.P., a very old inhabitant of Barnet, and Chairman of the District Council, Mr. Eldred has four children. He is a member of the Barnet Urban District Council, and as a farmer is, of course, interested in several agricultural societies.

A remarkable instance of his sound judgment of horseflesh is shown by his ownership of a famous hunter named Telephone (*ex* Ringleader). This horse he purchased at Aldridge's for twelve guineas, and after the one season he hunted him, when he won the Heavy-Weight Farmers' Race in the Middlesex Farmers' Drag, and was beaten by a short head in the Enfield Chase Meeting, he sold him for 120 guineas. Telephone was by Buccaneer out of Elfsong. Another excellent hunter he possesses now is Telegraph, by Morglay, by Sir Bevis (Derby winner).

Mr. Eldred does a good deal of buying and selling of hunters, and some extremely valuable horses pass through his hands every season.



Photo by Mayall and Co., Piccadilly. MRS. TABERNACLE.

Mrs. Tabernacle.

Mr. J. Craig.

Mr. E. Eldred.

**Mr. E.
Eldred.**

His place, Old Fold Manor Farm, Hadley, was formerly the Kennel Headquarters of the Hunt for six seasons. He is also a follower of the Hertfordshire Hunt, the Middlesex Farmers' Draghounds, Mr. Smith-Bosanquet's Foxhounds, and occasionally hunts with the "O.B.H." He is a keen shot.

**Mr. C. G.
Giddins.**

The younger son of the late Mr. C. B. Giddins (notes of whom appear in the Herts Hunt), of Mymms Hall, Hertfordshire, Mr. CHAFFEY GEORGE GIDDINS, was born at the family seat on August 18th, 1867.

Although his hunting began in about 1881 with the Herts Hunt, he did not become a regular follower of hounds until after the formation of the Enfield Chase Staghounds. His education at Totteridge was followed by a three years' course at Clare College, Cambridge, his intention being to practice at the Bar. Unfortunately, Mr. Giddins' health broke down, and on leaving Cambridge in 1888 he decided not to practice as a barrister, though he possesses the M.A. and LL.M. degrees of that University. Since that year he has been a notable hunting personality in Hertfordshire, though his name is more associated with the Enfield Chase than the Hertfordshire Foxhounds in recent years.



MR. C. G. GIDDINS' TINTACK.

On visits he has hunted from Shipston-on-Stour with the Warwickshire and the North Cotswold, and other occasional hunting has been with the Aldenham Harriers and the "O.B.H." His best hunter, a well-known grey named Tintack, of whom we give an illustration, he hunted for eleven seasons until a broken fetlock put an end to his career in 1907.

Mr. Giddins married in 1906 the daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Hunter, of Enfield, a noted shot and fisherman. They have one son, Guy Hunter Chaffey Giddins, born on July 23rd, 1907.

Mr. Giddins takes interest in agricultural pursuits and farms Mymms Hall Farm. He is a member of the Hertfordshire Agricultural Society and a keen man with a gun.

**Mr. C. G.
Hokanson.**

MR. CHARLES GUSTAV HOKANSON, of 34, Hans Road, S.W., was born in Sweden in 1862, and is the eldest son of the late Mr. S. L. Hokanson, who came of an old clerical family. He was educated at Lund University, and afterwards at Stockholm, where he took his medical degrees.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. C. G. HOKANSON.

At the age of twenty-five he came to reside in England, and having been used to the saddle from boyhood, began to hunt with the Enfield Chase Staghounds in 1902, when Captain Arthur Hill was Master.

Mr. Hokanson keeps his hunters at Crews Hill Paddocks, Potter's Bar. He has three good mounts, Countess, Limerick Lass, and Baccarat, which latter took the second prize in the Mornington Show in 1904, and is now eight or nine years old.

He is interested in steeplechasing, and has entered horses in the Middlesex Farmers' Drag, of which he is a prominent supporter, and the Enfield Chase Point-to-Point Races.

Though his professional duties here prevent him from devoting too much time to sport, he generally manages to hunt two days a week, and spends three or four months of the year in Sweden indulging in fishing, ski-ing, skating and other Scandinavian pastimes.

A former prominent member of the Enfield Chase Staghounds is Mr. GERALD WILBRAHAM TAYLOR, who, until 1905, lived at Barnet, and has on more than one occasion been invited to take the Mastership.

Mr. G. W.
Taylor.



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MR. G. W. TAYLOR.

Born in 1873, the only son of the late Mr. Herbert Wilbraham Taylor, J.P. for Hertfordshire and Middlesex, Mr. Taylor first followed hounds when ten years old. In 1885, when Colonel Somerset started the Enfield Chase Staghounds, he became one of the early followers, and was during twenty years closely identified with the Hunt, acting as Field-Master to Sir Alfred Somerset on many occasions; he was also Honorary Secretary of the Hunt for some seasons.

He has been successful in many point-to-point races.

He married, in 1894, Miss Rice, daughter of Major-General Rice, of Benfield, Berkshire, and they have four children. Mr. Taylor plays polo, and formerly belonged to the Kingsbury and Hatfield Clubs.

THE BERKHAMSTED STAGHOUNDS.



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THE BERKHAMSTED STAGHOUNDS (1908).

IN the time of the late Lord Brownlow, brother of the present Earl, when a pack of harriers was kept at Ashridge Park, the late Master of the present Staghounds, Mr. Richard Rawle, came with a big draft of hounds from Devonshire, where he had whipped-in to the Rev. "Jack" Russell. He was engaged by the late Lord Brownlow as huntsman. With this pack of harriers excellent sport was shown down in the vale and on the hills on the Ashridge Estate. When, through ill-health, the late Lord Brownlow resigned his interest in this pack, he handed it over to Mr. Rawle, who was well supported by the farmers and gentry until 1869, when it was given up.

However, in this sporting district neither the gentry nor farmers were content to be without hounds, so early in the year 1870, when the late Sir Clifford Constable gave up his staghounds in Yorkshire, Mr. Rawle and Mr. Dan Bovingdon, who was one of the largest farmers in the district, went down to Yorkshire and bought the hounds; the first day's sport was on March 6th of that year. There was a plentiful supply of deer in Ashridge Park, and they commenced by hunting bucks, which were taken to the meet in crates on a trolley, a very primitive affair in those days. Herbert Brown was first, and Mr. Jack Rawle, the present Master, second whipper-in, and such good sport was shown that the Hunt was put on a better footing. The late Dr. Havers, who lived at Whitehill, was then Honorary Treasurer and Secretary, and collected enough subscriptions to carry on the Hunt for the next season. The acquisition of a deer cart enabled them to hunt red deer, which they have done ever since. The hounds meet one day a week in the season, and have had particularly good runs, of which a few should be recorded.

An exceptional one was in 1872, from Flamstadbury, when they took their deer at Great Missenden. That season Mr. Rawle took hounds right over to Stevenage, where there was an enormous field, sportsmen joining it from the Herts, Oakley, Puckeridge, and Fitzwilliam, and the result was a very good run over the Puckeridge country to Walkern, where they took their deer. In 1871, Dr. Havers resigned the Secretaryship, and although without a Treasurer for two or three years, when Mr. Miles took it over the pack was well supported. In 1876 a run of 4 hours 10 minutes from Redbournebury resulted in taking their deer in a garden at Berkhamsted Hall, and the same season saw another four hours' run from Flamstadbury into Gorhambury Park, out by Bottomhouse Farm, down by Abbot's Hill to Conner Hall, Howe Grove to Leverstock Green, on to Gaddesden Park, out by Gaddesden Row to Stagsend, down past Flamstadbury again to Beaumont Farm, where the deer was taken. Two or three excellent runs that season resulted in the deer being left out at dark; but the outlying deer was generally taken the following day. A run of twenty-two miles as the crow flies, from Harpenden Common, when they ran through the Puckeridge Hounds in Bennington High Wood, and took at Puckeridge, was one of the best runs this pack has had; this was in 1880. The following season saw another 4 hours 15 minutes' run, from Harpenden Common, when the last four miles was ridden in the dark and the deer taken at Cherry Tree Farm, near Hemel Hempstead; only four were in at the finish.

In 1884, Mr. Rawle was presented with a cheque, a silver horn, and a testimonial (a satin gown being also given to Mrs. Rawle). This was in appreciation of his services as Master. On that occasion a hundred members came to lunch at Gorse Side, the house of Mr. Miles. During the season 1886-87 the Master had a bad accident in the field, and for a time Jack Rawle hunted the pack. In November, 1887, they clashed twice with the Old Berkeley and eventually, with the assistance of the latter hounds, meeting at Cuckmans they took their deer at Kingswood. One of the finest performances of horses and hounds was an eighteen-mile run of 1 hour 30 minutes straight from Sandridge to Barnet Gate, from there to Mill Hill (over Mr. Miles' old draghound country); they took the deer in Cannon Park, Edgware, with never a check, and only four or five in at the finish.

Many good runs have started from Studham Common, which is always the opening meet of the season. Quite the best of the season 1892-93 was the run from the kennels into Friesden Copse, straight to Dunstable, past Houghton Regis to Chaulton, where the deer was taken; 1893-94 was a wonderful scenting season, and noted for fast runs rather than long hunts, a nine-mile point in fifty-five minutes from Berkhamsted to Redbourne being one of the fastest. In 1895, the executive of the Berkhamsted Staghounds sent a pack out to the Argentine Republic. In November of that year Dick Rawle underwent a serious operation in London, and hounds in consequence were later than usual in opening the season. In March, 1896, they met at Tring Station, and galloped all over the Ashridge Estate for 2 hours and 30 minutes before they took on Berkhamsted Common.

In September, 1896, a great gale blew one side of the deer paddock down and they had rare sport with the six deer that got out. All were taken in ten good runs, the last of which was a fortnight after the mishap. Among the best sporting runs ever seen was when the deer went out of Ashridge Park by Little Gaddesden Rectory, ran twice round the Hoo Wood to Dagnall, turned back through Ringsall Copse, through Wardshurst, out over the Beacon, down by the windmill at Ivinghoe, by Pitstone Green to Seabrook, across the railway and canal to Marsworth Betlow, Long Marston Boarscroft, and viewed him for the first time at Hulcott, where he was taken at Mr. Elliott's. This was F. Dwight's first season as whip, he taking that position after the death of Herbert Brown. His nephew, W. Dwight, is second whip. That season saw several excellent runs, one from Brazier's End to Belloe Farm, and another from Traveller's Rest, running up the hills and back down by Grove Farm to Slapton, taking near Leighton Buzzard.

In 1898, after a very long run from Waterdale, the deer was left out near Redbourne. Ten days later it gave them the best run of that year. He was found in the Fish Pond close to Bricket Wood, went away by Garston and Waterdale to Serge Hill, by Bedmond and Leavesden, past King's Langley into Hazelwood Park, away by Hunton Bridge to Langley Bury, through Lord Clarendon's covers out by Teeswood to Buckshill. Through Micklefield Big Wood on by Scrubley's Wood and across the Chess into Chorley Wood Park, past Green Street, across railway into Torr Wood, through Pollard's Wood by Harewood Farm, crossing Misburn, up hill to Bottomhouse Farm to

Brentford Grange, close to Colleshill, where, after a run of 3 hours 20 minutes, the deer was taken; only four were in at the finish.

In February, 1901, "Dick" Rawle, the Master, died. Some time before his death he said to



MR. RICHARD RAWLE.

Mr. Miles, "Squire, the day I die I hope every pack in England will have a good run. They will say 'Dick' Rawle is watching." As a coincidence it may be mentioned that the Hertfordshire, following the day of his death, drew at Flamstadbury, the late Master of the Berkhamsted Staghounds' favourite meet. Subsequently the fox went to ground and they found again on Studham Common, which is always the opening meet of the Berkhamsted Staghounds.

The new Master's ("Jack" Rawle) opening meet was at Hubnall Common, and they took at Slapton. Many excellent days' runs were enjoyed in the following seasons; but perhaps one of the finest hunting runs ever ridden—in which it was hunting all the way through—happened in 1903, when they met at Northchurch House, Berkhamsted, ran up to Wigginton, down to Penley Manor to Wilston Reservoir, by Startopp's End to Marsworth, across the railway at Seabrooke, by Pitstone and Ivinghoe up over the Beacon, down to Dagnall, up to Ringsall, across Hubnall Common nearly to Great Gaddesden, and took him opposite Tom Conner's at Redbourne.

The pack continued to have good sport right up to 1908, when "Jack" Rawle broke his leg in the field. Mr. W. H. Dickinson, of Aldbury, then carried the horn, and while hunting the pack one of the best runs of that and other seasons was enjoyed. Meeting at Cuckman's, near St. Albans, they took the deer in the lake at the Welsh Harp, Hendon.

Mr. J.
Rawle—
present
Master.

MR. JOHN RAWLE, the Master and Huntsman of the Berkhamsted Staghounds, succeeded to the Mastership on the death of his father, the late Master, in 1901. He was born in Devonshire and has all his life been interested in hunting and farming. About forty years ago he began by acting as whip to his father, and since succeeding to the Mastership has hunted hounds himself. He has had many good horses, and two years ago won the Hertfordshire Point-to-Point with Rhiddorock. His brother, Mr. William Rawle, was first whip to the Carraghmore, he then acted as huntsman to the Limerick; and was subsequently Lord Fitzhardinge's huntsman for twenty years. Mr. J. Rawle is a member of the Tring Agricultural Society, and lives at The Kennels, Berkhamsted.

Mr. C. H.
Miles—
Hon. Sec.

MR. CHARLES HODGSON MILES, when about four years old was upon a pony learning to ride bare-back, and was soon out with Mr. Brooke's Harriers at Bexhill. Ever since he has been one of the keenest riders to hounds in the country, and all the time he could spare from business has been spent in the saddle.



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. C. H., MRS., AND MISS MILES.

Mr. Miles is the eldest son, by the second marriage, of the late Mr. John Miles, of Manor House, Friern Barnet, who was Governor of the New River Company, and a large land owner in Surrey, where he was a keen amateur farmer and horticulturist. Our subject was born at Chessington Lodge

in 1849 and educated privately, subsequently entering the firm of Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, of which his father was the head; this business, of which Mr. Miles is a director, became a company in 1889.

Mr. C. H.
Miles.

In 1867, he began to hunt regularly with the Old Berkeley and the Hertfordshire, and also with other neighbouring packs when time and money were available. In 1872, becoming a partner in the firm, he had less time to spare for hunting, and this led him to start a small pack of draghounds, by means of which he could get half days. When his brother, now the Rev. Henry Stewart Miles, was home from Oxford, he acted as first whip, and Dr. Harry Bury and Ike Goodwin (afterwards the famous gentleman rider, who was killed at Sandown) as second. In December, 1873, the results of a bad accident prevented Mr. Miles from hunting for some time, so in June, 1874, he went to Scotland and learnt golf from the late Tom Morris, and soon he was sound and well and in the saddle again. In December, 1874, he first began to write for *Land and Water* under the name of "Dragon"; he has also written for *Baily's* and still contributes to *Horse and Hound*.

For two seasons he whipped-in to Mr. Robert Hill Archer's Harriers, and in 1870 became a subscriber to the Berkhamsted Staghounds, of which he has been Secretary and Treasurer since 1876. At one time Mr. Miles used to put in six days a week, and besides the Berkhamsted followed the New Forest, Hertfordshire, Old Berkeley (East and West), Oakley, Bicester, Whaddon Chase, Royal Buckhounds, Lord Rothschild's, and the Enfield Chase, beside occasional trips to more distant countries.

In 1892 he married Florrie, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Palmer, who at one time was known as one of the hardest men to hounds in the New Forest. Mrs. Miles has hunted all her life, and the first pack she followed with her husband was Lord de la Warr's, originally Mr. Brooke's Harriers. In 1890-91, Mr. Miles rode all over England and visited the kennels for the purpose of studying hounds, and in 1891 he made two Western Tours to Exmoor. For three years, 1876, 1877, and 1878, he had a private horse show, which had been started by his father, at Friern Barnet, for hunters, and jumping competitions. He has bred many horses and ponies, training the young stock himself. One of his best is Lord Nimble, a fourteen-hand pony, by Lord Ninrod, out of a New Forest pony, by a half-bred Arab.

Mr. Miles takes a great interest in local affairs and in matters agricultural. He is a member of the Royal Agricultural Society, the Herts Agricultural Society, and has been a Steward of the Tring Agricultural Society for twenty-three years. He is one of the oldest members of the Badminton, and also belongs to the Junior Carlton. He lives at Gorseside, Berkhamsted, Herts.

MR. OSWALD BLOUNT, the son of Mr. George Bouverie Blount, was born at Belvedere, Kent, in 1879, and educated at Malvern. On completing his studies in 1897 he went on the Stock Exchange.

Mr. O.
Blount.

For the last three seasons he has followed the Berkhamsted and Lord Rothschild's Staghounds.

Mr. Blount lives at Northchurch, Berkhamsted.



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MR. H. C. JANES.

MR. JOSEPH BUNKERS, of Old Farm, Berkhamsted, who has farmed all his life, was born in 1843, and has hunted with the Berkhamsted Staghounds for the last forty years. He first went out with the Old Berkeley and followed the Hertfordshire for about thirty years. His son, Mr. F. Bunker, hunts with the surrounding packs and is a member of the Hertfordshire Yeomanry. Two years ago he rode the winner of the Herts Point-to-Point at Sewell, and this year won a farmers' race at Towcester.

Mr. J.
Bunkers.

MR. HARRY CLEMENT JANES was born in 1868 at Leavesden, in the Old Berkeley country, where he still has his farm, although he lives at Laurel Bank, King's Langley, Herts. He is the son of

Mr. H. C.
Janes.

Mr. H. C.
Janes.

Mr. William Janes, and began hunting with the Old Berkeley when he was about fifteen years old. Educated privately, he then started farming, which occupies too much of his time to allow him to be a regular follower of hounds ; but when able to do so, he has a day with the Berkhamsted, the Hertfordshire, or with the Berkhamsted Foot Beagles, which meet at his farm every year. He has bred a few hunters, the best being Matchless, by Caractacus, who won the Derby in 1862, and his mare Amiable, who has carried him since 1895, is his favourite mount. One of his best runs, in which he was one of the half-dozen in at the finish, was from Redbourne Common to Hertford ; another good one was from Cuckman's to the Welsh Harp. Mr. Janes breeds pedigree Oxford Down sheep, is on the Committee of the West Herts Agricultural Society, and a member of the Royal and of the Tring Agricultural Societies.

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE.

A HUNT Club, which owed its existence to the social requirements of the time, and consisting of the major part of the prominent men in the county, was established in 1822. Some of the original principal members were Lords Dacre, Verulam, Clarendon, Cranbourne, Lynedock, Glamis, Frederick Beauclerk, Sir C. Cuyler, Sir Y. Ouseley, Captains Tremimore, Shaw, Cuyler, and Messrs. W. Hale, Delmé, S. Smith, Farquhar, Paris, G. S. Martin, Thomas Kinder, Woollam, Lomax, Church, Heathcote, Howard, Gape, Latour, Campbell, Ross, Felix Calvert, Astley-Cooper, Somerby, and Hakey. The Club met and dined once a quarter, either at St. Albans or at Hitchin.

In 1828, Lady Salisbury presented the Club with the Hatfield Hounds, which were the origin of the present pack. Two years later the Master was Mr. Sebright, with Bob Oldacre as the first huntsman. In 1834, Mr. Delmé Radcliffe accepted the Mastership. The following notes are from his diary, which he kept for nearly sixty years :—

“January 18th, 1837.—Met at Lamor Park, found at Lattimore’s Gorse, ran to Dowdells, away for Sherrads, back by Brocket, over the River Sandridge, thence to Symonds Hyde to Milwards Park, Hatfield, towards Wartham, into Mymms Great Woods—2 hours 30 minutes without a check.

“January 20th, 1837.—Met at Hexton and found at Bramingham, and had the most brilliant thing ever seen in this country, getting away with the Woburn fox over the splendid Vale of Toddington (6 miles in 25 minutes). Turn to left, and ran into him—1 hour 20 minutes, without a check.

“March 17th. — Kennel, a day of unexpected severity, the most extraordinary run upon record in the annals of Hertfordshire. Having drawn the Luton country all blank, trotted away at 2 o’clock to Hamilton’s (now Kensworth) Gorse, found, went away instantly, at 20 minutes to 3, to Dead Maunsea, through the wood, and on through Beechwood, Ravensdale, and Ashridge, over the common and up to Berkhamstead Castle, in 55 minutes, racing pace, crossed the London and North Western Railway (then making), beyond Northchurch, swam the canal, and went on the same pace to Tring Park, thence to Ashton Turville, close up to Aylesbury, then to the left, by



THE MARCHIONESS OF SALISBURY AND THE HATFIELD HOUNDS.

Wendover, to Hampden, where, having beaten every horse out of sight, no satisfactory account could be rendered as to the casualty which saved so gallant a fox. Boxall (the huntsman) killed Burton’s mare, tired two others, and did not get beyond the canal in Tring Park. Jen (the whip), upon Pippin, the Hon. E. Grimston, Messrs. E. T. Daniel, M. Evans, Hayward (of St. Albans), and Goddard (of Park Street) lived the day through—26 miles, at least, done in 2 hours 25 minutes. Hounds carried a beautiful head throughout, and only one was missing at the end of the day.”

Mr. Delmé Radcliffe was forced to resign owing to ill-health, although he continued to hunt till the end of his life. He was succeeded in the Mastership of the Hertfordshire, in 1839, by Mr. Brand, afterwards Lord Dacre.

Lord Dacre kept on Boxall as huntsman, who was subsequently succeeded by Jem Simpkins. In 1857, Bob Ward, who had previously been whip to the Cambridgeshire, became huntsman; he was known as "Ubiquity Bob," and was a most intrepid horseman, often pounding the whole field at an awkward place, in spite of his heavy weight. It was often said that Bob Ward hunted the fox, while his hounds, which were always in the pink of condition, hunted him. The longest run recorded in the annals of the Hunt took place in 1853. Hounds met at Broadwater, where they found, and hunted their fox for 4 hours 30 minutes, when every horse was done to a turn, and hounds enjoyed their kill to themselves.

In 1865, Mr. J. G. Leigh, of Luton Hoo, took over the hounds, and built new kennels, which are said to be the best in Europe, at Kennesbourne Green. During Mr. Leigh's Mastership hunting flourished, and on his death, in 1875, a Committee, composed of Lord Dacre, Colonel Somerset, and Captain Young, was formed to take over the hounds. In 1879, Lord Dacre's place was taken by Colonel Blake; Colonel Young resigned in 1881, as also did the remainder of the Committee, and Bob Ward, in 1885. Captain Peacock then accepted the Mastership; he was a keen sportsman, lived at the kennels, and hunted hounds himself until 1888, when he was succeeded by Mr. E. R. Sworder, the late Master of the East Kent, who brought fresh blood into the kennels and carried the horn himself, until 1893. The effects of a bad accident prevented him continuing to hunt hounds himself, although he remained Master till 1898, when he resigned, and the reins of office were assumed by Messrs. Fenwick Harrison and Charles Part, of Aldenham, as Joint-Masters, the former taking the northern part and the latter the southern. In 1893, William Wells became huntsman, and has always proved himself thoroughly capable, both in the field and on the flags. He formerly turned hounds to George Carter, of the Milton; he then acted as first whip to Gillard, of the Belvoir; and, before coming to Hertfordshire, had been huntsman of the Puckeridge. Joseph Davis had been whip for the last twenty-eight years.

In 1901, Mr. Charles Part, to whom we are much indebted for many of the details of this history, retired, and Mr. Fenwick Harrison continues as sole Master. He has fifty-five couples of hounds in his kennels at Kennesbourne Green. Wells still continues in the post of huntsman, and Ernest Jones and A. Davis are first and second whips.

The Marchioness of Salisbury.

Lord Chesterfield, was it not? who propounded the query, "Does anyone go hunting a second time?" Mary Amelia, a daughter of the first Marquess of Downshire, certainly did so—possibly from her youth up; but beyond question she followed the chase most rigorously after her marriage, in December, 1793, to James, first Marquess of Salisbury. We must rank her with such other nobly born Amazons as Queen Elizabeth and Baroness de Dracek. More pertinently, perhaps, with the "Virgin Queen," as they both disported themselves at Hatfield.

THE MARCHIONESS OF SALISBURY became mistress of the Hatfield Hounds, in 1793. In common with the Tudor Queen, she loved the pomp and circumstance of sport, the Hatfield Hunt uniform being sky-blue, with black collars and cuffs, and silver buttons, bearing the initials "H.H." A similar button is now worn by members of the Hertfordshire Hunt, but a scarlet coat has been substituted for the light blue. Lady Salisbury's hunting dress was a light blue habit, with black collar and cuffs, and a hunting cap. The Marchioness was not only well acquainted with the noble science, but had the reputation of being one of the best and most daring riders in England. It was her custom to drive to the meets of hounds in a coach drawn by four black horses with outriders, her hunters being led by a groom, who acted as her pilot. Once mounted, however, it is said she would ride anywhere, and at



THE MARCHIONESS OF SALISBURY.

anything, so that her hunting career was a record of "moving accidents by flood and field," and she enjoyed the reputation of being our first lady rider who rode straight to hounds. There are numerous references to her Ladyship in *The Sporting Magazine*. Thus, in October, 1793, it is recorded that "the Marchioness of Salisbury and Mr. Calvert's Hounds (the Puckeridge) have begun to draw the coverts, and to draw blood from the cubs in Herts." It also states that the proper places for horses to be sent over night for her hounds are Hatfield or Waterford (Watford), and for Mr. Calvert's Ware or Wadesmill. In October, 1794, a curious run is recorded: "A short time since, the Marchioness of Salisbury, accompanied by Mr. Hale and Mr. Meynell, one of the oldest foxhunters of the present day, hunted a fox at Hatfield. Reynard contrived, after a run of some length, to evade the hounds; and at length, instead of a fox, it was discovered that for nearly twenty minutes they had been running a shepherd's dog, which took refuge in his master's hovel." Again, in January, 1796, a gallant run is recorded: "After a burst of more than an hour, they crossed upon a fresh fox at Bramfield, and clattered him two and a half hours more to earth at Baldock. We read that the two chases, which admitted of no interruption from hard running, were fully forty miles in extent. Out of a field of four score only nine were at the finish, at the head of which was Lady Salisbury." The same authority states, in 1800, "that Lady Salisbury, one of the boldest female riders in the kingdom, relaxes a little with her foxhounds. Some few years ago she invariably went *over the gate*, she now waits, with more prudence, till the gate is opened."

The Marchioness of Salisbury.

At the age of seventy-eight she gave up the hounds to the Hertfordshire Hunt Club, but averred that she was "still good enough to hunt the harriers." Her death was a tragic one, for when the west wing of Hatfield House was burnt down, on November 26th, 1836, she could not escape from her dressing room, and perished in the flames, at the age of eighty-six years.

MR. F. P. DELMÉ RADCLIFFE was one of the few men who in an eminent degree combined the character of sportsman and man of letters. If not the greatest book on the chase, his *The Noble Science; or a Few General Hints for the Use of the Rising Generation, especially those of the Hertfordshire Hunt Club*, is a standard work, with much charm and literary style. He was equally happy, too, when inditing a sonnet to his mistress' eyebrow, and revelled in penning a hunting song.

Mr. F. P. D. Radcliffe
—Master,
1835-39.



MR. F. P. D. RADCLIFFE.

The eldest son of that Mr. Delmé Radcliffe who was for many years Master of the Horse to George IV. and William IV., and grandson of Peter Delmé, of Gill Stoke, Wiltshire; Titchfield, Huntingdonshire; and Grosvenor Square, Frederick Peter Delmé Radcliffe was born, in 1805, at Hitchin Priory, Hertfordshire, the seat of his forbear, Sir Ralph Radcliffe, to whom the estate was granted by Henry VIII. Coming of a sporting stock, it is related of Peter Delmé, the grandfather of our subject, that he was one of the most extraordinary men of an extraordinary age, forasmuch that his expenditure was on a more lavish scale than any of the magnates of his time. He kept open house in Grosvenor Square during the season, and his country seats were run upon an equally liberal scale. At the last named he kept packs of staghounds, foxhounds, and harriers,

all at the same time. He married Lady Betty Howard, sister of Frederick, Earl of Carlisle. The brushes of Reynolds and Romney have immortalized this lady and her sister, Lady Frances Radcliffe, as they were the reigning beauties of the Court of Queen Charlotte. After the death of Mr. Peter Delmé, a splendid stud of horses was dispersed at Tattersalls.

Educated at Eton, Mr. Delmé Radcliffe, besides distinguishing himself in classics, not unmanfully gave evidence of the family taste for sport. One of his early feats was to capture a leviathan trout off the Cobler, which had beaten all experts up to that time. Gazetted to the Grenadier Guards, a very sport-loving regiment, he soon made his presence felt. At that time pigeon shooting was the rage, the celebrated Red House being the Hurlingham of the day. When

Mr. F. P. D.
Radcliffe.

we say that our subject could hold his own with Lord Kennedy, Captain Ross, Mr. Osbaldeston, Colonel Anson, and Mr. Assheton Smith, it will be seen that he was no poor performer. Captain Peareth, one of the greatest shots, sent a challenge to all members of the Red House at Newmarket, and Mr. Delmé Radcliffe was the only man willing to accept it. Botisham, on the Cambridge Road, was the venue, and an immense crowd assembled. Captain Radcliffe, as he then was, drove on to the ground in a carriage and four, accompanied by Mr. George Payne and other friends, and, saluting his opponent, the match began. It was at 25 fast blue rocks a-piece, and every round was closely contested, ending in a victory for Captain Radcliffe, who killed 21 out of 25, Captain Peareth grassing 23.

Early acquainted with the music of horn and hound, Delmé Radcliffe, after leaving the Grenadiers, formed a pack of harriers, which by careful breeding he made second to none. These he disposed of to Sir James Flower, when he became Master of the Hertfordshire Foxhounds, in succession to Mr. Sebright. He retained the kennel of the latter gentleman at Kennesbourne Green, but only fifteen out of the fifty couples of hounds he obtained from him. With these, and crosses with the Belvoir, he had in a few years a pack which was pronounced to be perfect by the judges of his day.

Mr. Delmé Radcliffe's father, of the 10th Hussars, was a noted race-rider, once sporting silk in the Oaks. Our subject inherited his capacity, being gifted with a wonderful seat and hands, and patience in an eminent degree. One of his finest efforts was on Wilna, at Goodwood,



From a painting in the possession of Lord Hampden, *The Hoo, Welling.*

LORD DACRE AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE HOUNDS.

when he beat Colonel Bouverie on Donegani, after Admiral Rous had laid 500 to 50 on the latter. On his own mare, Lady Emily, he regularly farmed the hunters' stakes throughout the country, carrying off 22 out of 27 races in which he started her. Cottager was another of his useful performers.

One of the best amateur yachtsmen of his day, he could hold his own in any company. Lord William Lennox, who rode against him in the Cocked Hat Stakes at Goodwood, in which, to use that nobleman's simile, they all appeared in costumes better fitted for Jacks-on-the-Green on May Day, bears testimony to his fellow *littérateur's* capacity, when he says Mr. Radcliffe's Epilogue to "Every Man in his Humour," and which was played by the *Punch Party* at Knebworth, consisting of Douglas Jerrold, Charles Dickens, Leech, Egg, and Foster, received the marked commendation of all the circle, including the talented host himself, who pronounced it the most perfect of its kind he had ever heard delivered.

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*Mr. Fenwick Harrison
Master of Hertfordshire Hounds*



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Mr. Fenwick Harrison's Hunters.*

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The Squire of Hitchin died at his residence, November 30th, 1875, aged seventy years. **Mr. F. P. D. Radcliffe.** Society missed a brilliant man and a good fellow.

Mr. Brand, afterwards Mr. Trevor, and subsequently elevated to the peerage as **BARON DACRE**, upon his accession to the Mastership of the Hertfordshire, removed the kennels to Hoo, where he resided. Devoted to the sport, he was a first-class horseman, and always splendidly mounted on thoroughbreds. Very taciturn in the field, he took as huntsman Will Boxall, who had been with Mr. Delmé Radcliffe. Will was the very opposite to his master, being one of the noisiest and wildest men in the field. Lord Dacre endured him for three or four seasons, when, becoming tired, he promoted Jem Simpkins, who had been whip. Finding the last named as much too slow as Boxall had been too quick, Charles (commonly called "Bob") Ward was engaged. Ward kept his hounds in first-class condition. Assisted by Ward, Lord Dacre, who was a staunch believer in the Belvoir blood, built up his pack with drafts from that celebrated kennel. These judicious selections fully maintained the high character which the kennels had obtained during the Mastership of Mr. Delmé Radcliffe.

Lord Dacre
—**Master,**
1839-66.

Lord Dacre, who was much liked in the country, rendered himself additionally popular by initiating race meetings at The Hoo, his residence. These pleasant fixtures took place at the end of each hunting season. They were flat races, and open to horses owned by members of the Hunt Club and the farmers resident in the neighbourhood. His Lordship continued these for many years. On the death of Mr. Gerard Leigh, in 1875, Lord Dacre formed a Committee to carry on the Hunt.

An all-round sportsman and typical country gentleman, **MR. JOHN GERARD LEIGH** began hunting in his childhood, and took an active interest in sport generally. The eldest son of Mr. John Shaw Leigh, he came of an old Lancashire family. Born in 1821, he was educated primarily at Eton, after which he was entered as a gentleman commoner at St. John's College, Oxford. During his University career he did not neglect hunting, as between the times devoted to consumption of the midnight oil, he found leisure for many a good thing with Mr. Drake's and the Heythrop.

Mr. J. G. Leigh
—**Master,**
1866-75.

Succeeding Lord Dacre as Master of the Hertfordshire, in 1866, Mr. Leigh had by no means an easy task in filling the saddle of so able a predecessor. That he was successful in doing so, however, is now matter of hunting history. It being a maxim with him that to show good sport the Hunt servants of a pack ought to be as well mounted as the Master, he did not fail in putting his principles into practice. The author of *Country Quarters* says of him:—"He mounts his men in first-rate style, and Ward, who is a welter, often has three horses out on one day, whose average price is considerably over £300 each, so that he may be said to ride on £1,000 whenever he goes hunting. In fact, everything is done in princely style." Mr. Leigh hunted four days a week—Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, the last-named fixture not being advertised, but cards were sent privately to the members. For over forty years the pack taken over by Mr. Leigh had been bred with the greatest care.

A few words as to Mr. Gerard Leigh's connection with the Turf must not be omitted. With Half Caste he won the Grand National Steeplechase in 1859. Old Oswestry was another fine performer: among his victories being one over the great L'Africaine at Croydon. Abdul Kadir won at Grantham in 1858, and also at Plymouth in the same year, subsequently beating the speedy Huntsman in the Worcester Grand Annual, following this up by carrying off the Grand Military Steeplechase at Windsor.

A breeder of first-class horned cattle, Mr. Leigh gained many awards at our leading shows. His reign as Master of the Hertfordshire was all too short, his popularity being unbounded. His death occurred in 1875.

The Cheshire has been the nursery of hunting with so many well-known sportsmen that it is not surprising to learn that **MR. THOMAS FENWICK HARRISON**'s earliest connection with horse and hound is associated with those famous packs now incorporated under the title of the Cheshire Hunt.

Mr. T. F. Harrison
—**present Master.**

**Mr. T. F.
Harrison.**

Mr. Harrison comes of a renowned sporting family, is the son of the late Mr. Thomas Harrison, a well-known resident of Liverpool, and was born on January 9th, 1852.

From Liverpool, when six years of age, Mr. Harrison gained his earliest experience, mounted on the back of his pony. On going to Rugby School, he was perforce obliged to discontinue the joys of hunting for a time.

After the death of his father, in 1888, Mr. Harrison left Liverpool, and went to live at Cranborne, Dorsetshire. In the following year he hunted with the Wilton, under the Mastership of the thirteenth Earl of Pembroke, and later, with the fifth Earl Radnor, when he succeeded Lord Pembroke as Master. He also went out occasionally with the Blackmore Vale and Lord Portman's. In 1893, after having enjoyed excellent sport for four years with two such famous Masters, Mr. Harrison bought an estate in Hertfordshire.

On moving to King's Walden Bury, his place, four miles from Hitchin, he immediately joined the Hertfordshire Hunt, which was then under the Mastership of Mr. Edward Swooder. In 1898, Mr. Harrison became Joint-Master with Mr. Part, and two years later, when the latter retired, he became sole Master, and has controlled the pack ever since. The Hertfordshire Hunt is one of the most famous in England, and the present pack is one of the strongest, consisting of fifty-six couples, hunting four times a week. The Secretaryship and Field-Mastership is vested in the person of Sir Alfred Reynolds, who is himself an ardent huntsman. The well-known hound, Sampler, is hunting his third season with the pack.

Horses have a strong admirer in Mr. Harrison, who generally keeps a dozen or so mounts in his stables for his personal use. Titus, a well-known bay gelding, is his property, whom he has hunted for over thirteen seasons. Another excellent horse which he rides regularly is a brown bay six-year-old mare, by Blankney, son of the famous Hermit. The Friar, a powerful grey horse, is also well known in the county.

Mr. Harrison, as an experienced M.F.H., is able to state his views of the country which he hunts, and he considers that Hertfordshire, with its numerous streams, small fields, and difficult fences, offers as much sport as any country which he has encountered. Moreover, he asserts that Hertfordshire farmers, on the whole, are the ideal all-round sportsmen, and possessed of the initiative sporting instincts necessary for furthering the interests of hunting.

In 1880, Mr. Harrison married Miss Florence Emily Edwards, of Winchester, and has two daughters and one son, Mr. John Fenwick Harrison, of the "Blues," who inherits his father's enthusiasm for hunting.

The Master of the Hertfordshire Hunt is a keen shot, and has rights over 4,000 acres. He was at one time for two years the accepted Unionist candidate for Devonport, and, in 1907, was asked to stand as local member for Hitchin. He is a J.P. for Hertfordshire, and a member of the Junior Carlton Club.

**Sir A.
Reynolds
Hon. Sec.**

SIR ALFRED REYNOLDS, the Honorary Secretary of one of the biggest Hunts in the South of England, has found time, throughout most of his life, to devote to the sport of hunting, although civic business and magisterial duties (he is a J.P. for London, Middlesex, and Hertfordshire) have taken up much of his attention. He has ridden from his earliest years, and his enthusiasm for "the Sport of Kings" has never flagged.

Born on October 23rd, 1850, Sir Alfred Reynolds began his school life at Clewer House, Windsor, finishing his education, at the age of eighteen, in Germany. He has hunted regularly in Hertfordshire with the Hertfordshire Hunt and with the Berkhamsted Buckhounds, enjoying the sport with sundry other packs in England and Ireland as the opportunity arose. He is a good all-round sportsman, and is a safe and reliable shot.

Among the many real good "clinking" horses he has owned, those hunting with Mr. Rawle in the eighties will remember Sir Alfred's wonderful grey horse Lifeboat; and another remarkable animal was Apollo, winner of many point-to-point races, which he lately sold. Both these horses were magnificent fencers, perfect stayers, and the very best class of goers over such a country as the Hertfordshire, where all and every sort of obstacle may be encountered by those who wish to live with hounds.

Sir Alfred Reynolds, both as a shooting and a hunting man, holds very strong opinions of the necessity of the "give and take" principle in both branches of sport. In his opinion, there is no difficulty in the two being carried on together with the proper consideration of both parties. He maintains that where there is no cub-hunting there are no litters, which means that the shooting owners or tenants are in the hands of their gamekeepers; this class have only a wild fox by chance (except the impossible numbers seen when shooting), and Sir Alfred's view is, that permission to allow coverts to be drawn once before Christmas is worth twenty times after in such a woodland country, as some parts of Hertfordshire. In this respect, the late Earl Cowper and Mr. Abel Henry Smith, M.P., are examples to every covert owner in the kingdom.

Sir A.
Reynolds.

Sir Alfred Reynolds had four sons and one daughter, all well known with the Hertfordshire Hounds. The sons (of whom the eldest, a fine sportsman, died in India in 1904) were all educated at Winchester and Oxford, and obtained commissions in the Army from the 'Varsity. The three surviving sons are in the 12th, 21st, and 9th Lancers respectively. The only daughter married another soldier, Captain C. L. Norman (the Guides), the son of the late Field-Marshal Sir Henry W. Norman, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., etc. All the family inherit the keen sporting instincts of their father. Lady Reynolds, who used to ride, does not hunt.

The recent Master of the Aldenham Harriers, and well-known sportsman in Hertfordshire, Mr. HENRY S. BAILEY, was born on November 26th, 1864, and inherited from his father, the late Mr. H. Bailey, his love of horse and hound. Mr. Bailey was only six years old when his family settled near St. Albans, and since 1872 he has been residing at Cuckman's, near that town. From that year onwards he has hunted regularly with the Hertfordshire, the Old Berkshire Foxhounds, and the Berkhamsted Staghounds.

Mr. H. S.
Bailey.

Many of Mr. Bailey's father's early hunting days were spent with the Devon and Somerset, and other west-country packs. In 1899 he accepted the Joint-Mastership, with Mr. Bampfylde, of the Aldenham Harriers, and two years later became absolute Master. He died in 1901, and his son, the subject of these notes, succeeded him in the Mastership. Mr. H. S. Bailey held office till 1906, when he gave the pack to the country. On his resignation he was presented with a large oil portrait of himself by the farmers and members of the Hunt.

His best horses have been Britomarte, who won for him three point-to-point races, and The Don. His career, subsequent to the completion of his education at Cheltenham College, has been associated with the family business of wine merchants in Pall Mall, of which he is now senior partner.

Mr. Bailey is a keen fisherman: he remembers landing a 10 lb. trout, and other good fish, from Loch Corrib. Racing is another sport which interests him. He is a member of many of the leading racing clubs, as well as of the Badminton, Piccadilly.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF CAVAN, representing the ancient family of Lambart, who during the past three generations have been closely associated with the history of Hertfordshire, is himself President of the Hertfordshire Hunt Club, a position which in other hunts is equalled by the Chairmanship of the Hunt Committee.

Lord Cavan commenced to hunt from his father's seat, Wheat-hampstead House, with the Hertfordshire when he was twelve years old, and he has hunted with the pack practically ever since. His father, the late Earl, was also a noteworthy sportsman, excelling particularly as a fisherman. At Eton, Lord Cavan enjoyed sport with the Beagles and, in the holidays, with the Hertfordshire Hunt. In 1885 he entered the Grenadier Guards direct from Sandhurst, and has subsequently hunted with something like thirty-five different packs at one time or another. His name, both now and when he was Viscount Kilcoursie, has figured in many inter-regimental races. He has himself ridden in



The Earl
of Cavan.

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THE EARL OF CAVAN.

**The Earl
of Cavan.**

the Grenadiers' Point-to-Point Race in all seventeen times, but has never finished first, although he has been placed eleven times. In 1887 he won the Hertfordshire Hunt Point-to-Point, and in the following year the North of Ireland Military Hunt Cup. His best mare, Magic, by Ethus, dam by Blair Adam, by Blair Athol, was second in the Meath Hunt Point-to-Point, beaten by a head, and was second in a famous race against the 16th Lancers, again beaten by a head, when the Lancers, riding six against six, beat the Grenadiers by only one point. On this occasion Lord Londonderry was umpire.

The Countess of Cavan is a well-known rider to hounds, having hunted in Hertfordshire all her life.

At the comparatively early age of forty-two, Lord Cavan has just been promoted to a lieutenant-colonelcy of the Grenadiers, to command the 1st Battalion of that regiment.



Photo by W. S. Stuart, Sloane Street.

THE COUNTESS OF CAVAN.

**Mr. J. H.
Drake.**

MR. JOHN HUGHES DRAKE, the eldest son of Mr. J. R. Drake, was born in 1883. While at Eton he whipped-in to the Beagles for five seasons, and later on hunted with Mr. Burdon-Sanderson's private pack in Cornwall until it was dispersed about four years ago. Other hounds he has followed are the Percy and the Glendale. Dolly Grey, who carried him for seven seasons in Cornwall, and Mr. Jorrocks are two of his best horses. He now follows the Hertfordshire and the Berkhamsted Staghounds, and lives at The Bury, Hemel Hempstead.

**Mr. W. C.
Giddins.**

The older inhabitants of Hertfordshire doubtless have still vivid recollection of that fine old sportsman, the late MR. WILLIAM CHAFFEY GIDDINS, of Mymms Hall, Herts, who died in 1905.

Mr. Giddins was the representative of a long line of sportsmen whose name has been associated with the history of Hertfordshire for many generations. He was born in 1825, and as a youth enjoyed the sport as often as opportunity occurred. During the middle of last century he was a well-known figure with the Hertfordshire Hunt, but in his later years he dropped active hunting, though still taking exercise on horseback. Marrying in 1860, Miss Beament, daughter of the late Mr. Beament, of Park Street, he had seven children, three of whom took after him in his sporting characteristics. They were Mr. W. C. B. Giddins, his eldest son, Mr. Chaffey Giddins, and his eldest daughter, Miss Mary Beeche Louisa Giddins, now the wife of Dr. Wells of St. Albans.



MR. H. G. SALUSBURY HUGHES.

It was late in the Mastership of Lord Dacre that MR. HERBERT GEORGE SALUSBURY HUGHES, of Offley Place, Hitchin, was initiated into the science of foxhunting by that celebrated huntsman Bob Ward, who died at Offley, and is buried in the churchyard. Born on August 5th, 1853, he is the son of the late Mr. G. E. Hughes, of Donnington Priory, Berkshire. Educated at Rugby and Christ Church, Oxford, he played for his College Eleven, and hunted with the Old Berkshire and Bicester. He took his B.A. in 1877 and his M.A. three years later. On leaving Oxford he went through a course at the Cirencester Agricultural College, and whilst there hunted with the Beaufort, under the late Duke, and the "V.W.H.," under Lord Shannon. Following this, for ten or twelve years, he was associated with the Hertfordshire Hunt, and acted as Honorary Secretary of

the Hunt Club till 1891, when he resigned, on going to the South Coast to live. After several seasons with the Eastbourne Foxhounds he returned, in 1902, to Offley Place.

Still one of the most ardent sportsmen in Hertfordshire, in addition to hunting, he plays cricket (for several years he played for Hertfordshire county), golfs, motors, and is one of the

**Mr.
H. G. S.
Hughes.**

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Captain W. J. Jeffcock on "The White Knight."

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Alonzo B. Leonard, 1874

best-known shots in the neighbourhood. He married, in 1881, Henrietta Louisa, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Barbot Beale, of Brettenham Park, Suffolk, and has two sons, Mr. Guy Salusbury Hughes and Mr. John Salusbury Hughes. Mr. H. G. S. Hughes.

As a public man, Mr. Hughes has served as a county magistrate for Hertfordshire since 1878, and was on the County Council from 1903 to 1905. He is a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall.

Spring from an old sporting South Yorkshire stock on the paternal side, CAPTAIN WILLIAM PARKYN JEFFCOCK, of West Common, near St. Albans, is the eldest surviving son of the late Prebendary Jeffcock, of Wolverhampton, and grandson of the late John Jeffcock, J.P., of Cowley Manor, near Sheffield. On the maternal side he is in direct descent from the late Lord Berners, of Keythorpe Hall, Leicestershire, and so claims kinship with that first of lady writers upon sport, Dame Juliana Berners, the authoress of *The Boke of St. Albans*. Captain W. P. Jeffcock.

Born in London, on November 6th, 1866, his father then being Vicar of St. Saviour's, Hoxton, Captain Jeffcock was educated at Haileybury and Malvern Colleges, and later went up to Peterhouse, Cambridge, as a Varsity candidate for the Army. He failed to pass the Army Examination, but his keenness for a military profession, and his love of horses, determined him to enlist in the 12th Lancers, in preference to choosing any other calling. He had already experienced some military training in the Artillery Volunteer Corps at Malvern College, and before going up to Cambridge held a commission in the 3rd North Staffordshire Militia.

After leaving the Army, in September, 1897, he took up his residence at Rossett, in Denbighshire, and hunted with Sir Watkin Wynn's hounds for three seasons, following them regularly three to four days a week over that fine sporting country. At the outbreak of the South African War he volunteered for service with the Yorkshire Dragoons, in which Yeomanry Regiment he at present holds the rank of captain. He served under Lord Methuen, on the west of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony for eighteen months, and was perhaps one of the few officers who had the good fortune (considering how busy Lord Methuen's troops were kept on the west) to bring safely home the charger he took out with him to the war—Erin, a mare which he purchased at Ballincollig, while with the 12th Lancers in Ireland, and which had formerly given him many a good run with the regimental pack at that station. She became blind on her return from the front, but has proved herself a valuable brood mare, as the dam of useful stock by Fawcett, and the famous racehorse Common, property of the late Sir Blundell Maple, her last foal, a filly by Common, named Harpenden Common, now a three-year-old, has taken eighteen

prizes, of which the last six have been firsts, winning at the local show at Harpenden this year, and receiving two special prizes. She has improved her position by taking first at the County Show at Hatfield, followed up by a premium at the Essex County Show at Colchester, and lastly by a first prize at the Three Counties Show at Hertford; she promises to make herself equally well known in the hunting field and over the sticks.

Since his return from South Africa, Captain Jeffcock has taken a keen interest in the Hertfordshire Hunt, of which he is a member, and in the breeding of a high class of hunter stock. Perhaps his most valuable brood mare has been Sweet Heather, another Irish horse, by Sweetheart. She has produced some promising



Photo by Elliott and Fry. CAPTAIN JEFFCOCK'S HAPPY LAND.

foals, particularly Happy Land, a chestnut by Felix, by Hampton Pleasantrie. At Nottingham, in the brood mare class, she took the Hunters' Improvement Society's Gold Medal in 1906, and was afterwards first at the Warwickshire Show at Nuneaton, also winning several prizes at Tring.

Captain W.
P. Jeffcock.

Captain Jeffcock's best horse (on whom he is mounted in the engraving) and finest hunter is the White Knight, by Sir Hugh. The White Knight also won the Hertfordshire Point-to-Point Heavy-Weight in 1901, after an exciting race with a previous winner, Shoebblack, and is one of the best-known hunters in the county.

Among the societies of which Captain Jeffcock is a vice-president or member may be mentioned the Royal Agricultural Society, the Hunters' Improvement Society, Hertfordshire, Royal, Tring, Harpenden, Nottingham, Buxton, Hemel Hempstead, and Royston Agricultural Societies.

Mr. H. J.
Lubbock.

The Lubbock family is probably as closely identified with hunting as any in England. Of the eight brothers, sons of the late Sir John Lubbock, Baronet, Mr. HENRY JAMES LUBBOCK stands well to the fore in this respect. The second son of the third baronet, and brother to Lord Avebury, he was born on February 7th, 1838, at High Elms, the family seat in Kent. Almost his first recollection of his younger days was learning to ride, and during the holidays, from Eton, where he was educated, he followed the Old Surrey or West Kent Foxhounds on every possible occasion. Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Collyer were at that time Masters of these packs respectively.



MR. H. J. LUBBOCK.

In 1860, Mr. Lubbock left Eton, and almost immediately afterwards bought a pack of beagles, consisting of six couples, and continued to hunt the pack, as Master, until the year 1872; during this time his brothers were closely associated with him in the sport. Mr. Lubbock then turned the pack into harriers, and in 1877 he bought twelve more couples from the then Viscount Petersham, now Earl of Harrington. The pack became known as Mr. Lubbock's Harriers, and afterwards, the West Kent Harriers. The kennels were at Orpington, and the country hunted stretched from Gravesend, on the one side, to Igtham, Otford, and Sevenoaks on the other. In 1889,

when Mr. Lubbock left Kent, he gave the hounds to the farmers of the western side of the county.

The following year, Mr. Lubbock bought Newberries, an estate near Radlett, Hertfordshire, and joined the West Hertfordshire Hunt, then under the Mastership of Mr. Swooner, of Luton Hoo, varying the sport by occasional runs with the Old Berkeley. In his younger days Mr. Lubbock was a keen steeplechase rider; one of his horses, a famous mare named Lady Blanche, won seven races out of twenty entries. A mare, Florence, and a chestnut horse, Lord Dundreary, placed three and four races to his credit respectively.

Residing in London for the past year, Mr. Lubbock has not participated in hunting; he is, however, still keenly interested in all forms of the sport, and his book, *Hints on Hare Hunting*, is considered the last word in that branch of the sport.

Mr. C. S.
Marsh.

Representative of a long line of sportsmen, whose family was founded in the reign of Henry VII., and have ever since resided in the same mansion at Little Offley, Mr. C. SHEPPARD MARSH was born on January 11th, 1862, the only son of the late Mr. Richard Marsh. Like his father before him, he is a keen man to hounds, as was also his cousin, the late Mr. Richard Sheppard Marsh.

Mr. C. S. Marsh remembers his first essay at hunting, as a child of four years old, with the Hertfordshire Foxhounds. He was blooded by Mr. Reid, of The Nodde. On completing his



MR. C. S. MARSH ON PLAYBOY.

education at Uppingham, he took up his residence at home, and has since devoted his time to agriculture and sport. He became associated with the Enfield Chase in its early days, and enjoyed hunting with the pack till 1906; and since 1885, which was the last year of the Joint-Mastership of Mr. Macan and Mr. Arkwright, he has hunted irregularly with the Oakley. Mr. Marsh is a staunch supporter of the Hertfordshire Hunt in that, like his ancestors, he has always been careful to provide foxes from his coverts, though he is not an actual subscriber. He kept a pack of draghounds at Little Olley, and hunted them three days a fortnight, at his own expense, for three seasons, Mr. Coxall whipping-in. The hounds were kennelled on his own estate, but were given up in 1885, when Mr. Edward Sworder became Master of the Hertfordshire Hounds.

Mr. C. S.
Marsh.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MISS DOROTHEA REYNOLDS.

Mr. Marsh married, in 1906, Miss Nina Harper, a daughter of the late Mr. Henry Andrew Harper and the Lady Emily Harper, of Milford, Hampshire. Mrs. Marsh is a keen horsewoman.

As a breeder of shorthorns and shire horses Mr. Marsh has become famous. His father was one of the first members of the Shire Horse Society, and his own shire mare, Brookfield Bonny, was probably the best in her day. His favourite hunter was Baucroft, whom he rode for six seasons. The illustration depicts Mr. Marsh on Playboy, one of the best horses at present in his stable. In Mr. Marsh's recollection, the finest run he ever enjoyed was with the Hertfordshire Hunt, when hounds found a fox at Sharpenhoe Grove, and after running an eight-mile point in forty minutes, with a check lost him at Ridgmount.

One of the lady members of the Hertfordshire is MISS DOROTHEA REYNOLDS, of Hawks Wick, St. Albans.

Miss D.
Reynolds.

During the last ten or fifteen years MR. SAMUEL GURNEY SHEPPARD'S hunting has been mainly of a migratory nature amongst the various countries in the kingdom. He has, however, for many years been a generous supporter, as a subscriber and a landlord, of both the Hertfordshire Hunt and the Enfield Chase. His principal hunting associations with these packs were as a boy, when he, together with his brothers, learnt to ride with these hounds, and followed them for five or six seasons. Since completing his education he has hunted on and off with the "V.W.H." (Cricklade), the Old Berkshire, the Blackmore Vale, Bicester, and lately with Mr. George Fitzwilliam's, keeping his horses at Huntingdon. A good horse of his was The Knight, a five-year-old brown gelding, bought of Captain J. Bennett, of Maynooth.

Mr. S. G.
Sheppard.



From a painting.

MR. S. GURNEY SHEPPARD ON THE CURATE.

Mr. Gurney Sheppard was born in 1865, and is the son of the late Mr. Gurney Sheppard, of Leggatts, Potter's Bar. Educated at Eton, where he enjoyed sport with the College Beagles, he later entered the Hertfordshire Yeomanry, and served through the South African War, being mentioned in despatches and awarded a medal with five clasps and D.S.O. He is now a major in the same force. He was married, in 1906, to Miss Clowes, daughter of Mr. Winchester Clowes, of Hitchin. Professionally Mr. Sheppard is a member of the Stock Exchange. As a racehorse owner he has had one or two notable successes.

**Mr. S. G.
Sheppard.**

One of his best point-to-point winners was Mainsail, who won no fewer than three races in the course of eight days, and was then sold at Tattersalls for 330 guineas, though described as a horse who "made a noise." Among the three wins was the fifty-guinea cup of the Enfield Chase Meeting in Mr. Walker's first year of Mastership. Long Tom H. and The Curate were other excellent horses he owned; the former won five points-to-points, and the latter two or three hunt steeplechases. Denmark, a steeplechaser, is probably his best at present. He won, in 1906, the Beecher's Steeplechase at Aintree, a race at Hurst Park, another at Gatwick, and the Andover Handicap Steeplechase at Newbury. This year at Lingfield he also won another steeplechase.

Mr. Gurney Sheppard is vastly interested in every form of racing, and is a member of the Sandown and Kempton Racing Clubs. Formerly he was a keen polo player, and is still a member of the Ranelagh and Hurlingham.

**Major T. G.
Sowerby.**

MAJOR THOMAS GEORGE SOWERBY, who was born at Whitecliffe, in Yorkshire, in 1866, is the son of the late Colonel George Sowerby, of Putteridge Bury, Hertfordshire, and was educated at Elstree and Harrow. He hunts mainly with the Hertfordshire Hounds and Oakley. He served in the late South African campaign with the 3rd Durham Light Infantry, now commanded by his brother, Colonel Harry John Sowerby, D.S.O., and returned home with the honorary rank of major.

He married the eldest daughter of Mr. Marlborough Pryor, of Weston Park, Stevenage, Hertfordshire. Mrs. Sowerby has ridden to hounds nearly all her life, and now follows the Oakley and the Hertfordshire with her husband. Mr. Sowerby is a member of Windham's Club, and lives at Lilley Manor, Luton, Bedfordshire.

**Capt. F. G.
G. Thoyts.**

CAPTAIN FRANCIS GORDON GRANT THOYTS, the youngest son of Colonel N. B. Thoyts, late the Indian Staff Corps, was born at Cheltenham in 1870, educated at Marlborough and Sandhurst, and gazetted to the Somersetshire Light Infantry in 1890. He first began hunting with the Cotswold; then going abroad, he followed the Calpé Hounds at Gibraltar for two seasons, and when in India acted as whip to the Peshawar pack. In 1897 he was awarded the Frontier Service Medal. On returning to England, he was quartered for two years at the dépôt at Taunton, and followed the Taunton Vale and the Quantock Staghounds.

At the present time he is adjutant of the 2nd Herts Volunteer Battalion, and hunts with the Hertfordshire. He is a member of the Junior United Service Club, and is now living at Hemel Hempstead.

**Dr. T. P. G.
Wells.**

DR. THOMAS PETER GROSART WELLS, of St. Albans, was born in Blackburn on January 26th, 1868, the second son of Mr. Andrew Gillison Wells, of Blackburn, formerly of Dumfriesshire, N.B. After early experience of hunting with the Kendal Harriers, now the Oxenholme Staghounds, the course of his medical profession took him to Tonbridge, and for two seasons he enjoyed sport with the West Kent Foxhounds and the Surrey Staghounds. In 1893 he took up his residence in St. Albans, and became a follower of the Hertfordshire Hunt.

His best hunter was a brown mare named Biscuit, by All Fours. He formerly owned a well-known hackney pony, Test, by Kingfisher.

Mrs. Wells is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. W. C. Giddins, of Mymms Hall, Hertfordshire, and has been until recently well known all her life as an expert and fearless horsewoman.

Her best mount is Sunshine, a dark-brown mare, by Lights of London, now in her fifteenth year. Formerly she rode a thoroughbred hunter called Buzz, whom she hunted for ten seasons. She was the first lady member of the Enfield Chase to follow that pack regularly after its formation.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Wells are noted breeders of dogs, but lack of space forbids us to enter upon the subject.



DR. T. P. G. WELLS.

Commencing his hunting career at the comparatively late age of thirty-five, Mr. GEORGE LEVINGE WHATELY'S principal experiences have been gained with the Southdown, the Pytchley, and the Hertfordshire. He was born in 1851, his father being the late Mr. George Hamilton Whately, of London. At the age of five the subject of these notes learnt to ride in Scotland, and on completing his general education studied law. In 1877 he began to practise in London as a solicitor, and about the year 1889 saw his first season with the Southdown, hunting from Brighton. From 1892 he hunted with the Pytchley from Rugby. After a lapse of six years, during which he did not hunt, he came to reside in Hertfordshire, taking Ayres End, Harpenden, in 1900, and has been a member of the Hertfordshire Hunt and Club for the last four years, being out with the hounds on an average three or four days a fortnight.

Mr. G. L.
Whately.

He was married, in 1879, to the daughter of Mr. Richard Ellis, of Iver Moor, Uxbridge, and they have three children. His younger daughter, before her marriage, hunted a good deal.

Mr. Whately has been a member of the Hertfordshire County Council since 1903, is a J.P. for Hertfordshire, and a member of the Union and Bath Clubs.

Of the many fine sportsmen to be found in the metropolitan counties, one of the oldest and best known is Mr. CHARLES WOOLLAM, of the Abbey Mills, St. Albans, who during the last fifty years has regularly hunted with the county pack every season, exclusive of sport in other countries. Mr. Woollam comes of a sporting family, his uncle, Mr. Charles Woollam, who died in 1837, having been one of the eighteen original members of the Hertfordshire Hunt Club. On his mother's side his family is of equal sporting renown, her brother, Mr. Edward Burges, of The Ridge, Chipping Sodbury, having been in his time a well-known figure in the fields of the Duke of Beaufort's and Berkeley Hunts.

Mr. C.
Woollam.

The subject of these notes was born on March 22nd, 1832, the second son of the late Mr. John Woollam. He learnt to ride as a boy, and when about ten years old went out with the Hertfordshire Hounds, then under the Mastership of Mr. Brand, afterwards Lord Dacre. On completing his education at King's College, London, Mr. Woollam spent three years in the metropolis, and then came to live at St. Albans, where his family have resided in the same house for over a hundred years. Mr. Woollam then joined his father in the family business at the Abbey Silk Mills, one of the few silk mills remaining in this country, and in 1858 became a member of the Hertfordshire Hunt; he has since that date been continuously a subscriber, never having missed a single season's hunting. He is now a member of the Hertfordshire Hunt Club, and the oldest hunting member. He has also hunted for many years on Wednesdays with the Berkhamsted Staghounds. His long associations with foxhunting in the county have given Mr. Woollam experience of horse and hound denied to many, and he has always enjoyed (and still enjoys) a good day's shooting.

As has been mentioned, he has favoured no other packs of foxhounds, the only occasional days which he has had in other countries having been with the Duke of Beaufort's (in the late Duke's time) and occasional days with Baron Rothschild's and the "O.B.H."

He recalls, however, that one of the best runs which he remembers was with the Berkhamsted Staghounds, when the deer was uncarted at Noman's Land, and running an eighteen-mile point, was taken close to Willesden Junction Station, time about three hours. This was about twenty-five years ago, before the era of the jerry builder.

Two of Mr. Woollam's best horses were Alma, by Hollyfox, by Voltigeur, dam by Bondholder, hunted for eleven seasons, and Lemonade, nine seasons.

He married the daughter of Mr. Edward Eden Elliott, late of the Bombay Civil Service, in 1868. Being a magistrate for the county, and formerly on the first, second, and third Hertfordshire County Councils, Mr. Woollam's public duties have occupied a large amount of his time. He is a member of the Union Club, London, and the St. Albans County Club.

MR. SMITH-BOSANQUET'S.

HUNTING in a neighbourhood which is considered already overcrowded with packs of hounds Mr. George Smith-Bosanquet, of Broxbournebury, Hertfordshire, in the season of 1907-08 started a new pack of foxhounds with great success. Though it is yet too early to write with finality, the first meet having only taken place on December 10th, 1907, there is every reason to believe that the expectations of those interested in the enterprise will be realized, judging by the sport which the new Master has already shown. His name is very familiar to lovers of horse and hound, for he was Master of the Cambridgeshire from 1903 to 1906, and, in addition, he is a notable all-round sportsman.

The Master himself hunts the hounds, his kennel huntsman being James Budd, who was formerly with the Cambridgeshire, the second whip being J. Olliffe.

The Hunt territory, lent by the Hertfordshire, extends twelve miles north and south by ten east and west, on the extreme south-eastern border of Hertfordshire. The meets, which are not advertised, are on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The hounds are the property of the Master, and are kennelled at his seat, Broxbornebury Park, near Hertford.

The pack now consists of twenty-five couples, several having been added by purchase from the Heythrop, Morpeth, Blackmore Vale, Old Berkeley (East), and Warwickshire, since the institution of the Hunt.

From December, 1907, to the end of the season, hounds were out 22 days, resulting in $8\frac{1}{2}$ brace of foxes being killed, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ brace being run to ground, with only one blank day.

The best run was undoubtedly that of January 20th, 1908, when a fox was found at Mortals Wood, and running past the Manor Farm at Wormley West End to Beaumont and Thunder Field Grove, entered Wormley Wood. Leaving the covert, hounds followed the fox through Ponsbourne Park for Northaw Big Wood, where a slight check occurred, after which they ran through George Wood into Brookman's Park, and to Little Heath, and Leggatt's, Mr. Gurney Sheppard's place. Here he dwelt for about ten minutes, and was eventually lost. The time was 3 hours 5 minutes.

It should be noted that Mr. Smith-Bosanquet's agent, Mr. W. H. Vincent, acts as Field-Master.

Mr. G. R.
Smith-
Bosanquet
— present
Master.

MR. GEORGE RICHARD SMITH-BOSANQUET was born on February 5th, 1866, the eldest son of the late Mr. Horace Smith-Bosanquet and Cecilia Jane Bosanquet, heiress of Broxbornebury. Mr. Smith-Bosanquet's father, who, after his marriage, assumed the additional surname of Bosanquet, was himself the representative of an old Hertfordshire family, the Smiths, of Woodhall and Sacombe, and a keen hunting man. The Quorn and Pytchley were the chief packs in his younger days. A jump which he accomplished when hunting with the first-named pack is still talked of as a record at the present time. He could perform athletic feats of horsemanship with remarkable ease, and drove his own coach and four for many years. From Broxbornebury he hunted chiefly with the Puckeridge, and occasionally with the Hertfordshire. He died on March 27th, 1907. On his mother's side, Mr. G. R. Smith-Bosanquet is descended from an equally well-known sportsman, his great-grandfather, Mr. George Jacob Bosanquet, being a prominent personality in his contemporary hunting world.

Taught by his father to ride at a very early age, when fifteen years old Mr. Smith-Bosanquet experienced his first run with the Essex Foxhounds. Educated at Hewitt's School, Rottingdean,



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he proceeded to Eton in 1882, where he played in the School Football Eleven and the School Wall Eleven. After two years at Eton he went to read for the Army with the Rev. Rowley Lascelles, a well-known follower of the Southdown and neighbouring packs. It was at this period that young Smith-Bosanquet actually gained his first regular experiences of the chase. Unfortunately, an accident whilst out with Lord Leconfield's Hounds, resulting in concussion of the brain, caused him to give up the idea of entering the Army, and he then went up to Trinity College, Oxford. Whilst there he hunted with the Bicester, South Oxfordshire, Heythrop, and Warwickshire. He played cricket for his College Eleven. After leaving the University, Mr. Smith-Bosanquet followed the Worcestershire, the Croome, and North Cotswold, after which he spent one season with his old friend, the Hon. Lancelot Bathurst, then Master of the Puckeridge. The next move was a tour round the world, and on returning to England he studied farming and estate work with Mr. Savile Foljambe's agent, Mr. Lister-Kaye, at Osberton, near Retford. From here he hunted with the Rufford and Lord Harrington's. A change for two seasons to the Ludlow country, where he took a house, succeeded, and he enjoyed good sport with the Ludlow, North Herefordshire, and Ledbury. The next season he moved to Cheltenham, and hunted with the Cotswold, North Cotswold, and Heythrop.

In the year 1899, being attached to the King's Dragoon Guards, by reason of his serving in the Yeomanry, Mr. Smith-Bosanquet was quartered in Ireland, and here he hunted with the Meath and Kildare. He served in the South African War in 1901, and after his return to England took the Mastership of the Cambridgeshire Foxhounds in 1903.

Mr. Lancelot Bathurst hunted the pack during the first two seasons, with James Budd as kennel huntsman and first whip, and in his last season Budd hunted one pack three days a week, and Mr. Smith-Bosanquet another pack on Saturdays. He then lived at Gransden Hall, Huntingdonshire. After his father's death, in 1907, Mr. Smith-Bosanquet took up his residence at Broxbornebury Park, and, late in the same year, instituted the Hunt which bears his name. He formerly subscribed to the Hertfordshire Hunt, and was a member of the Hunt Club for many years. The Puckeridge has also seen a good deal of him at one time and another.

Viking, by Highborne, was his best hunter in his younger days, running third in a Varsity Point-to-Point. His best mount now is Gunner, a ten-year-old horse.

Mr. Smith-Bosanquet married, in 1895, the daughter of the late Mr. W. T. Woodcock, of The Laurels, Aston. Formerly Mrs. Smith-Bosanquet used to hunt with the Ludlow, but has now given up the sport.

He preserves largely on his estate, which averages bags of 1,500 pheasants and 200 partridges every season. In addition to hunting, he is a keen fisherman and shot, and motors a good deal.

Mr. Smith-Bosanquet is a J.P. for Hertfordshire, and a member of the Travellers', Windham, and Auxiliary Forces Clubs.

THE OLD BERKELEY.

EAST.

PREVIOUS to the year 1600 there appear to be no records of the hunting countries now known as the Old Berkeleys, but in the day when Charing Cross was merely a village, and highwaymen took their usual toll from travellers on country roads, the ancient Berkeley family hunted the county of Middlesex and other parts from Charing Cross as a centre. Successive members of this noted family increased their hunting domain without consultation with anyone, and it is definitely stated that, in 1780, Frederick Augustus, fifth Earl of Berkeley, had kennels not only at Berkeley Castle, Gloucestershire, but also at Nettlebed, Oxfordshire, at Gerrard's Cross, Buckinghamshire, and at Cranford, in Middlesex, the latter being one of his Lordship's residences. The immense district covered between these various points could never have been thoroughly worked, but the comparatively sparse country population evidently admired and applauded the pageant which started from Charing Cross, composed of "thirty huntsmen dressed in tawny coats."



From a picture in the possession of Mr. G. Worthington Bayley, Rugby.

THOMAS OLDACRE ON BRUSH.

Tom Oldacre, the most famous of the well-known Oldacres, was huntsman for a period of thirty-two years, leaving the Berkeleys only in 1806, when the Earl gave up Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Middlesex.

This extensive country was afterwards hunted by a Committee of the Old Berkeley Club. The formation of the latter institution kept the Hunt alive, the Rev. W. Capel taking great interest, and engaging the talented old Tom Oldacre to continue with the horn. The death of this sporting cleric and the removal or retirement of other Committeemen were serious matters for the Hunt, occurring as they did so soon after the struggles of the nation with the much-dreaded Napoleon, and still smarting under the consequent heavy taxation instituted by the greatest of all Chancellors of the Exchequer, William Pitt.

Tom Oldacre died at eighty years of age, and if the writer mistakes not, the family of Oldacres became well-to-do leading business men, and about 1855, dressed in orthodox style, they rode the very best of cattle with the then Baron Rothschild's Staghounds and elsewhere.

About 1823, Mr. Harvey Combe (of whom further details appear under the Old Berkshire in another volume) relieved the strained situation by taking the Old Berkeley Hounds. Mr. Combe was then thirty-nine years of age, having been born on April 7th, 1781. He was the eldest son of Mr. Harvey Christian Combe, of Cobham Park, Surrey, whom he succeeded in 1818. He went to the Old Berkshire country in the following year, but returned three years later. Tom Oldacre was his huntsman throughout, and his brother Bob acted as whip; they were the sons of the old Tom Oldacre mentioned above. A painting by Sartorius of this good sportsman, on his favourite hunter Ferdinand, is in the possession of the present head of the family, Mr. Harvey T. B. Combe.

In 1830 he retired in favour of Captain Freeman, whose reign was short, and in 1833 Mr. Harvey Combe again took office. He was evidently stimulated by hopes of success with Osbaldeston's famous Pychley pack, which had been bought in at Tattersalls at the very high figure of £4,600.

In 1810, Mr. Harvey Combe resigned, and his famous pack was sold at fabulous prices, five couples of bitches realizing 1,350 guineas. His kennels at Rickmansworth were used one more season during the brief Mastership of Mr. F. Allen, and then Lord Lonsdale put matters on a sound footing. He hunted the country handsomely for twenty-one years, his kennels being at Tring. In 1862 his Lordship was succeeded by Lord Malden, eldest son of the Earl of Essex, but with general regret this popular Master gave up the hounds in 1867, when Mr. Barnes took them for two years. After this the country endured the disadvantage of a Committee until 1875. Messrs. T. T. Drake, Oscar Blunt, and Leicester Hibbert were excellent Committeemen, but nothing equals one Master with sole power.

Mr. A. H. Longman now came forward, but, correctly thinking the country too big for efficient hunting, he sold his famous pack to Mr. Austin Mackenzie, who had kennels near High Wycombe, Mr. Longman hunting the Old Berkeley (East) with his famous bitches, which were kennelled near Hemel Hempstead. Mr. Austin Mackenzie afterwards went to the Woodland Pytchley, under which Hunt further particulars of him will be found.



From an engraving in the possession of Baroness von Roemer.

MR. HARVEY COMBE ON FERDINAND.

On the retirement of both the above Masters in 1885 the two Berkeleys were re-united under the Mastership of Mr. Harding Cox, who acquired the famous pack of Mr. H. Chaplin, which had been showing great sport in the Woodland Pytchley, when hunted by the present Earl of Lonsdale. During the latter part of Mr. Harding Cox's Mastership the country was again divided, Captain T. H. Tyrwhitt Drake taking the West.

The East, being shortly after controlled by a Committee, was hunted by Mr. Robert R. Webber, who, with kennels at Chorley Wood, has held the Mastership since 1891. For many seasons Mr. Webber handsomely hunted the hounds himself, and he always gave preference to the bitches, considering them more industrious on an uninspiring cold scent, but this is not the prevailing or unanimous opinion of Masters, huntsmen, and sportsmen generally.

In 1862, the two Old Berkeleys together covered an immense area, the line of demarcation running from Aylesbury along the main road to Rowsham, then along the brook by Whittle Farm to the Grand Junction Canal and Nash Mills; continuing by St. Albans, and taking in Long Wood and Serge Hill Coverts, the outline runs by London, Colney, and the Pool at Wapping; then from the Thames at Great Marlow, the line runs by Horsenden, Chimon, and Badlow Great Wood, to Long Wicks, Dinton, and again to Aylesbury.

The first division of the Old Berkeley country was made in 1881, and in 1885 it was re-united, only to be again divided three years later. The writer has not been enabled to find any records of the line of division, but, having hunted with both packs, he found their centres far apart, the east being readily reached from Watford, Rickmansworth, or London, though the southern portion has not been hunted since the apparently never-ending encroachments of bricks and mortar. On the north it adjoins the Hertfordshire, and on the west the Old Berkeley (West).

All metropolitan and southern countries are easier to ride over than are such heavily-fenced bullock pastures as those overlooked by Market Harborough, or even as the lovely Vale of Aylesbury. The Old Berkeley (East) presents no difficulties to a riding man, and its fair proportion of pasture frequently holds such a scent as results in fine sport. Some of the plough, however, is cold and sticky. The woods are large, and provide famous spring and autumn sport, and in the main the wire is removed or flagged.

WEST.

In 1881, on the division of the Old Berkeley country, that good sportsman and thorough houndman, Mr. Austin Mackenzie, took the Old Berkeley (West). During four seasons he made the best of a country then beset with many difficulties. In 1885 he retired, and Mr. Harding Cox had the courage to re-mite the two Old Berkeleys into one great and unmanageable country. Everyone must admire his courage, but no one can now applaud his diplomacy. The two countries, covering more than one hundred square miles, could be neither conveniently nor efficiently hunted from one centre, and on his resignation, in 1888, the country was wisely again divided. Captain T. H. Tyrwhitt Drake took the Old Berkeley (West) and held the Mastership until 1893, when arrangements were slightly changed. At this latter date, Captain T. W. Tyrwhitt Drake became Joint-Master with Captain T. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, but there was no material change in the management. The hounds were still kennelled at Shardeloes, the ancient seat of the well-known Drake family, members of which have also made their historic sporting mark on the Bicester Hunt.

In 1895 the above Joint-Mastership came to an end, and Colonel Alfred Gilbey at once came forward, and for seven years previous to 1902 he made the best of the situation. As in other easily-named countries, all foxes had not been allowed to die a natural death by hounds, but reports of flagrant cases of destruction were associated with a chronic scarcity in certain parts. Scarcity of foxes being the greatest of all difficulties to an anxious Master—far greater than wire, overcrowded fields, the advance of building, the increase of railways, the grubbing up of woods, or the confusion and discomfiture of hounds by such pungent manures as are now used in cultivation.



COLONEL A. GILBEY.

No wonder Colonel Gilbey resigned, but Mr. W. W. Drake was courageous enough to take the hounds. However, he held them only one season (1902–03), and then, to his everlasting credit, Mr. Robert Leadbetter, of Hazlemere Park, Buckinghamshire, came forward, and by his energies and enterprise he has practically resuscitated the entire country. The new Master considered that the reports of fox treatment and local scarcity had been much exaggerated, and overcoming early difficulties with his huntsman, on the appointment of Alfred Sheppard, all went well, especially after the hounds were brought under his own eye in splendid new kennels of his own in Hazlemere Park.

Mr. Leadbetter also breeds his own hunters, but, to a true sportsman, the horse question is always secondary to hounds. The subsequent diplomacy of Mr. Leadbetter has resulted in untold advantages to the Hunt, in respect of which only one matter can be herein mentioned. From time immemorial certain lengthy chains of woods have not been open to hounds early in the season but, thanks to the Master, they are now ever welcome to their musical cry. In this matter Earl Howe has been a good friend to the country, and his name deserves the most noble mention of which the honest historian is capable. Mr. Leadbetter now has a dashing young huntsman in Jem Dawson, and lucky are they who can see which way he goes.

The outline or boundary of the two Berkeleys together is given in the notice of the Old Berkeley (East). The best centres for the Old Berkeley (West) are Aylesbury, Amersham, and Maidenhead, High Wycombe being the most central. There is a good deal of woodland and plantation in the Old Berkeley (West), some of which is of the strong holding character, which delights all Masters for the education of young hounds. Other parts are the admiration of gentlemen who know the fox must go away, and with a serving scent must provide such a burst as the riding section thoroughly enjoy. Intermingled with the coverts there is a nice admixture of light plough and pasture. On the north there is a beautiful bit of grass country—the lovely Vale of Aylesbury.

WILLIAM, SECOND EARL OF LONSDALE, was born on July 21st, 1787. He was summoned to the House of Peers in September, 1841. He was Lord President of the Privy Council in 1852, and Chairman of the Metropolis Roads Commission from its formation in 1826.

**Earl of
Lonsdale
—Master,
1842-62.**

Our subject has been somewhat severely criticized in connection with his hunting the Old Berkeley country. Such criticisms may have been rather unkind. It was the custom of "the old Lord," as he was termed, to meet once a week with his "harriers," as he termed them, in the Vale of Aylesbury. The said harriers were, as a matter of fact, a pack of dwarf foxhounds. With these he hunted bag foxes which, according to report, had been regularly conditioned and trained in a yard at home. His Lordship hunted the country for twenty seasons, succeeding Mr. Thomas Allen, of the Vache, in 1812. Owing, doubtless, to the increase of population in the district and scarcity of foxes, "bagmen" were brought down during the latter part of the Earl's career. Mr. William Reid, who was then well-known with Lord Dacre's hounds, drew attention to the fact in sarcastic mood, thus :—

"There's a noble Earl of antient name,
Who hunts the fox but prefers him tame.
His father had mounted his thoroughbred horse,
And viewed the wild fox from his native gorse.
His son has come down by a second class train,
Worried the bagmen and home again."

As before remarked, there was no deception about the proceeding, which indeed is shown in a later part of Mr. Reid's verse, which, describing the conversation supposed to take place before the assembled field, winds up with the words :—

"Says the noble Earl to the elder Brown,
"Open the box and turn him down!"

These "bagmen," be it remarked, were upon occasions captured alive and kept "to fight another day." The Earl, it may be noted, had the celebrated Jem Morgan as his huntsman; the latter was killed by a fall and succeeded by Godard Morgan, a man who had the reputation of being one of the best men at timber of his day.

Lord Lonsdale, who gave up the hounds in 1862, and was succeeded by Lord Malden, died unmarried on March 4th, 1872.

A son of the late Mr. Sergeant Cox so closely associated with publishing and high-class newspaper ventures, Mr. HARDING DE FOUBLANQUE COX was born in 1854, and educated at Harrow, and Trinity College, Cambridge. At the former seat of learning he early distinguished himself in the cricket field. A slow overhand bowler with a puzzling delivery, he was a highly successful man for his side, and upon one occasion was credited with the extraordinary feat of disposing of nine wickets for one run. He also distinguished himself as a rifle shot, not only making the highest score for "the school on the hill" at Wimbledon, but winning a large number of cups and other trophies. A quick sprinter, he could "go a hopper" over hurdles, and won the house double event, while as a light-weight wrestler he was never defeated. Good handicap form in the sprints at Cambridge, he unfortunately sprung a tendon which debarred him from the path.

**Mr. H. de
F. Cox
—Master,
1885-88.**

Turning his attention to hunting after leaving Trinity, he determined to begin after the good old-fashioned method of keeping harriers. For this purpose he revived the Missenden pack, hunting the country for three seasons, carrying the horn himself, and showing first-class sport. During his Mastership of the Missenden Harriers he was thought to be a somewhat slow huntsman, but with the smart Blankney kennel he rapidly eradicated any such impression, and with William Wilson, and later John Abel, showed good sport. Almost immediately after his purchase of the pack a splendid run was recorded. They found at Staunmore, and after running fifty-five minutes without a check over some of the finest hunting country in England, killed at South Mynms. It was grass all the way, and the run has never been forgotten by those sportsmen who had the luck to participate in it.

Mr. Cox has from his early childhood taken the keenest interest in the dog, and his favourite breeds, wavy retrievers and wire-haired terriers, have won him numerous awards; indeed, they have occasionally swept the benches. As a judge of these breeds and others, including foxhounds,

Mr. H. de F.
Cox.

harriers, bulldogs, Irish and other terriers, he has few equals. His capable treatment of the greyhound in the Badminton Library is familiar to all lovers of the leash, and that he is a great amateur of coursing is equally well known.

We had almost omitted to mention that after leaving the Varsity and going to read in the Inner Temple, he busied himself with literature and journalism. He edited one well-known paper and was dramatic critic for another.

Mr. T. H. T.
Drake
Master
(West),
1888-1903.

Roger le Drak is mentioned by the chronicler, Sir William Dole, as holding Hurnford-cum-Terra de la Wood, of Derlingford, A.D. 1303. John Drake, of Exmouth, county Devonshire, a man of great estate and a name of no less antiquity, *temp.* Henry V., married Christiana, daughter of John Billet, of Ash. Another member of the family, by a marriage with the heiress of the family of Cole, acquired their broad lands. About the year 1630, the head of the family, a Privy Councillor, married the daughter of William Tothill, of Shardeloes, and in 1641 his son was created a baronet, but dying without issue, the title became extinct. The owners of Shardeloes, however, sat in Parliament for Agmondesham (now Amersham), and in 1771, in consequence of a marriage, assumed the surname of Tyrwhitt in addition to their own.

THOMAS HENRY TYRWHITT DRAKE, of Little Shardeloes, Buckinghamshire, was born on November 11th, 1840, and was the third son of the Rev. John Tyrwhitt Drake, and a J.P. for the county of Buckinghamshire. Educated at Marlborough, he was one of the school cricket eleven, and won the silver racquet. Entering the 5th Bengal Cavalry, he volunteered for service in 1863, being severely wounded in an engagement, and carrying a bullet in his knee until the day of his death. In 1868 he resigned his commission, and devoted himself to the life of a country gentleman at Shardeloes. Farming some 1,000 acres of land, he, in 1874, won Lord Beaconsfield's cup for the best cultivated farm in Buckinghamshire.

In response to a unanimous request, Captain Drake, who had long hunted in his county, accepted the Mastership of the "O.B.H." Beautiful as the beech-covered hills and dales of the country are, it is by no means an easy one to hunt; but, owing to his innate knowledge of it, he showed a fine record of brushes, where one less skillful would have failed. One of the most courteous of Masters, a well-beloved landowner, and kindly gentleman, he hunted the country from 1889 to 1893 alone, and afterwards, with the assistance of Mr. T. W. Tyrwhitt Drake, for another couple of seasons, when he was succeeded by Colonel Alfred Gilbey.

Captain Drake died unmarried on November 2nd, 1903.

MR. R. B. WEBBER, the present Master of the Old Berkeley Hounds (East), began to hunt with this pack as a boy. The son of Mr. George Webber, of Sarratt, he was educated at Blackheath, afterwards studying with an army tutor.

For five years he served with the Militia Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

In 1891 he accepted the Mastership of the Old Berkeley Hunt (East); he lives at Chorley Wood, Herts.

MR. ERIC S. HERVEY, the Joint-Secretary of the Old Berkeley (East), was born in December, 1879, and educated at Harrow, and Trinity, Cambridge, where he went in strongly for rowing. He



MR. T. W. TYRWHITT DRAKE.



Mr. R. B.
Webber
—present
Master
(East).

Mr. E. S.
Hervey
Hon. Sec.
(East).

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MR. E. S. HERVEY.

and educated at Harrow, and Trinity, Cambridge, where he went in strongly for rowing. He

was also, for some years, an officer in the London Scottish. Mrs. Hervey, formerly Miss McLean, is, like her husband, a lover of horse and hound and is well-known with the Old Berkeley Hounds (East), which Mr. Hervey has followed since leaving Cambridge. He belongs to the Bath and Leander Clubs, and lives at the Brewery House, Watford.

Mr. E. S. Hervey.



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THE EARL OF CLARENDON.

MR. JOHN LAWRENCE BELL, the Honorary Secretary of the Old Berkeley (West), was born in March, 1863. The son of the late Rev. John Bell, of Brington, Huntingdon. He is a keen hunting man, and was very early in life initiated to the sport. Since 1890 he has followed the Old Berkeley (West) regularly.

**Mr. J. L. Bell—
Hon. Sec.
(West).**

THE RIGHT HON. EDWARD HYDE VILLIERS, FIFTH EARL OF CLARENDON, P.C., is the eldest surviving son of the fourth Earl, whom he succeeded in 1870. Lord Clarendon was born in 1846, and in 1876 married Lady Caroline Elizabeth, daughter of the third Earl of Normanton.

**Earl of
Clarendon.**

He commenced hunting when seven years old with the Old Berkeley (East) when the late Lord Lonsdale was Master. Since then he has followed most of the principal packs in England and Ireland. On his Lordship's estate are very many fox coverts, drawn by the Old Berkeley Hounds (East).

Lord Clarendon, although an extremely busy man, finds the time to go in for many forms of sport and has travelled extensively. He is Lord-Lieutenant of the county, D.L. and J.P. for Warwickshire, and Honorary Colonel of the Hertfordshire Imperial Yeomanry, a member of Brooks's, and lives at The Grove, Watford, Hertfordshire.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM HENRY GRENFELL, FIRST BARON DESBOROUGH, of Taplow Court, Bucks, son of the late Mr. Charles W. Grenfell, M.P., was born October 30th, 1855, and educated at Harrow and Balliol College, Oxford. When twenty-five years of age he was elected M.P. for Salisbury, and subsequently represented Hereford as a Liberal; was Private Secretary to Sir William Harcourt when Chancellor of the Exchequer. In 1893 he resigned, on the Home Rule Bill, and subsequently severed his connection with the Liberal Party, and represented South Bucks as a Conservative. An all-round athlete, Lord Desborough, while at Harrow, played in the school eleven, and at Oxford was chiefly notable for long-distance running and rowing; he ran for Oxford in the three-mile race against Cambridge, and for two years rowed in the University Eight. He was President, both of the University Rowing Club and also of the Athletic Club, Master of the Drag, and afterwards succeeded Sir Robert Harvey as Master of the Harriers, formerly hunted by the Prince of Wales. He twice swam across Niagara, three times gained the summit of the Matterhorn, climbing up from different points, and in 1904 and 1906 gained the Épée Prize at the Royal Military Tournament. He has shot big game in India, the Rockies, and in British Columbia; he is an ardent fisherman and a finished whip. His hunting has chiefly been done as Master of the Oxford Drag, Master of the Bucks and Berks Harriers, and with the Garth Hounds, the Queen's Hounds, the "O.B.H.," and the Windsor Drag, of which he was a constant follower for many years. In 1887 he married Ethel, daughter of the Hon. Julian and Lady Adine Fane, and co-heiress to the Barony of Butler, and has five children.

**Lord Des-
borough.**



LORD DESBOROUGH.

Lord Desborough is J.P. for Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, and has been High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire; he has travelled extensively, acted as war correspondent in the second Soudan

Lord Desborough.

Campaign, and is well known for his numerous contributions on sporting subjects in magazines; he has also written on currency and political questions. He has for some years been Chairman of the Thames Conservancy Board.

Mr. T. Farries.

MR. THOMAS FARRIES was born in December, 1844, and is the son of the late Mr. John Farries, of York. He is the senior partner in the old established firm of Burgoyne Burbidges, and Company, manufacturing chemists, London.

He commenced hunting as a boy with the Holderness, and has since followed many packs, but it is with the Old Berkeley (East) that Mr. Farries is best known; he has not missed a season with them for twenty-three years. He has owned some useful hunters from time to time, one of the best being Black Knight, winner of the "O.B.H." Point-to-Point, 1898. He is keenly interested in the preservation of foxes, and is fond of fishing, shooting, and other sports. He belongs to the Badminton Club, and living at Garston, near Watford, he is excellently situated for hunting



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. T. FARRIES.

with the Old Berkeley and several other packs.

Mr. G. Gurney.



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MR. G. GURNEY.

Rothschild's Staghounds, and many other packs. It is, however, with the Old Berkeley that he has been more closely associated than any other Hunt, and as long as thirty years ago was one of its guarantors.

Among many good horses perhaps the most noted was Lady Charlie, whom he raced, and who won several times for him.

A popular all-round sportsman, he is a keen shot, and has for the past twenty years rented a grouse moor in Scotland, and has always had some first-rate pointers. His residence is Croxley Green, Hertfordshire.

Mr. A. T. Hodgson.

MR. ALFREY TYLSTON HODGSON, the son of Mr. Henry Tylston Hodgson, of Harpenden, was born abroad in 1866. He was educated at Harrow, and then went to the Downton Agricultural College, where he qualified as a land agent. He subsequently took up ranching in the North-West Territories, where he remained for several years. He has followed hounds in most parts of England, having made his acquaintance



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MR. A. T. HODGSON.

with the chase at seven years old, when he was blooded by Bob Ward, the late famous old huntsman of the Hertfordshire.

Mr. A. T.
Hodgson.

On his return from America, Mr. Hodgson became land agent to an estate in Essex, following the East Essex and the Essex and Suffolk when opportunity afforded; a season with the Devon and Somerset, riding for Mr. John White, greatly added to his knowledge of hunting lore and horsemanship, followed by short, sweet spells with the Belvoir and Cottesmore from Grantham, and other Midland packs.

Later, in 1893, Mr. Hodgson joined Mr. Nigel Baring, at Littlecote, acting as Secretary and Field-Master to the bloodhounds, better known as the Savernake Stagounds, and for four seasons they showed wonderful sport over the surrounding countries, including the Craven, the Tedworth, the "V.W.H.," the Avon Vale, and the Old Berks, thanks to the courtesy of each individual M.F.H.

In 1897, Mr. Hodgson married, and for a couple of years lived in Essex; he is now once again hunting with the Hertfordshire and the Old Berkeley (East).

Topsy Turvy; Clockwork, by Regulator; Loadstone, by Geologist; Chippendale, by Riversdale; Jobber, by Hackler; Silence, by Tacitus; all winners and blood horses up to fourteen stone, were probably the best of his well-known hunters.

Mr. Hodgson has four children, his boy and eldest girl already inheriting their father's love for horses and riding. A member of the Badminton Club, he lives at Highfield, Hemel Hempstead.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. C. W. KENNEDY.

MR. CHARLES WILLIAM KENNEDY, the son of Mr. Langford Kennedy, of county Down, Ireland, was born

Mr. C. W.
Kennedy.

in London in July, 1850, and educated at Rugby, and University College, Oxford. He was subsequently called to the Bar and later on became partner in a brewery.

He commenced hunting as a boy with the Cotswold, and has since followed various packs. In 1893 he came to live at Scots Hill House, Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, and hunted chiefly with the Old Berkeley (East).

Mrs. Kennedy, a daughter of the late Mr. Rowland Hunt, of Boreatton, Salop, is also very fond of hunting, and is a regular follower of the Old Berkeley (East). Mr. Kennedy is a member of the United University Club.

MR. WILLIAM F. LOWNDES, J.P., of The Bury, Chesham, was born in 1871, and succeeded to the family estates on the death of his uncle, the late Mr. William Lowndes, in 1905.

In 1896 he married Ethel Maude, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Robert Sissons, of Newark House, Richmond, Surrey.

A follower of most forms of sport, Mr. Lowndes hunts, shoots, plays golf, racquets, lawn tennis, and cricket; as a boy he captained his school football eleven and has lately been appointed Captain of the Bucks County Cricket Club. He has travelled extensively on the Continent and has besides visited Canada and America.

MR. WILLIAM JOHN MORTON, of Batchworth Heath House, Rickmansworth, was born in Gloucestershire in 1861. He comes of an old family of agriculturists and sportsmen well known in Lord Fitzhardinge's country, and where as a boy he was entered to hounds, subsequently hunting with other packs.

Mr. W. J.
Morton.



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MRS. KENNEDY.

Mr.
W. F.
Lowndes.

Mr. W. J.
Morton.

Mr. Morton is the Secretary of the well-known Mount Vernon Hospitals for Consumption. As becomes the descendant of a family of yeoman, he is also a farmer and breeder of shorthorn cattle, of which he has a large herd in the pastures around his residence. He is greatly interested in all matters pertaining to agriculture and is a member of the Royal and important societies, and a contributor to various agricultural journals.



MR. W. J. MORTON.

Mr. P.
Robin-
son.

Mr. PETER ROBINSON was born in London in 1866, and is the son of the late Mr. Joseph Robinson. Educated at a private school and at Clifton College, he subsequently became a surveyor, which profession he now carries on in London.

He commenced hunting as a boy with the Old Surrey and has since followed many packs, including



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MR. P. ROBINSON.

Lord Harrington's, the Meynell, the Pytchley, and Mr. Fernie's, but for the last few years he has devoted most of his hunting to the Old Berkeley (East). He has owned some useful hunters, of which the best perhaps was Peacock.

Mr. Robinson lives at The Lea, Garston, Watford, and is a member of the Sports Club.

The late
Mr. C.
and Miss
E. E.
Taylor.

THE LATE MR. C. TAYLOR.

In 1867, he married Henrietta, daughter of the late Sir George Eliot, Baronet, M.P., D.L., of Houghton Hall, county Durham.

His first experience in the hunting field was as a little boy of four years with the Old Durham County Foxhounds, which he followed until 1869, and he sometimes had a day with the Queen's Staghounds until 1901. He was a regular follower of the Old Berkeley (West) from 1878 until his decease in 1908.

He occasionally visited the Garth, the Surrey Staghounds, the Devon and Somerset Staghounds

Mr. CHARLES TAYLOR, J.P., who died March 18th, 1908, was born February 7th, 1811; he was the son of the late Mr. Charles Taylor, J.P., of Sunderland, and was educated at King's College, and Bramham College, Yorkshire. A colliery owner and landowner in the counties of Northumberland and Durham, he was J.P. for Buckinghamshire, High Sheriff in 1901-05, and a Governor of the Royal Windsor Infirmary.



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MISS E. E. TAYLOR.

the Dulverton Foxhounds, and Mr. Collier's Otterhounds, and he owned some very fine horses, Sefton, The Doctor, and his Grey Mare being some of his best.

A most successful breeder of thoroughbreds and hackneys, he was a member of the Constitutional and Northumberland Clubs.

His youngest daughter, Miss E. E. TAYLOR, is a well-known follower of the Old Berkeley (West), her favourite hunters being Mountain Deer and Frosty. She is a very well-known breeder and exhibitor of black cocker spaniels, and has won many valuable prizes. Miss Taylor hunted a good deal with the Pytchley Hounds, is a member of the Eupress, and the Ladies' Imperial Clubs, and lives at Horton Manor, Horton, near Slough, Buckinghamshire.

The late
Mr. C.
and Miss
E. E.
Taylor.

THE SURREY STAGHOUNDS.

IN the early part of the nineteenth century, the fourteenth Earl of Derby started a pack of staghounds, with kennels at The Oaks, Woodmansterne, having Jonathan Griffin as his huntsman, who was reputed to have been one of the most wonderful horsemen of the period. The country over which Lord Derby hunted included the present Surrey Stag and Warham districts, with boundaries north up to London and south to the sea, practically from London to Brighton, with east and westerly boundaries from Guildford to Tonbridge, and although various other packs hunted over portions of the same, the boundaries from a stag-hunting point were practically limitless.

In a fine picture Lord Derby's staghounds are depicted, together with Jonathan Griffin, on Spanker, and his first whip on Needle, with Lord and the Hon. E. Stanley. The hounds at this time showing much of the "Badger Pie," and being apparently about twenty-six inches in height, inclined to be on the leggy side fairly well ribbed up, but with heads more after the type of the deerhound rather than the modern staghound.

The records of the chase will scarcely produce a more severe or extraordinary run than that of Tuesday, April 2nd, 1822, when the Earl of Derby's hounds met for the last time that season, much sport having been afforded, particularly towards the close of staghunting. The deer was turned out at Wickham Cross, near Hayes Common; the sportsmen assembled in the field were extremely numerous, and included such distinguished characters as Prince Esterhazy, the Earl of Derby, Earl Grosvenor, Lord Stanley, Lord Palmerston, the Earl of Wilton, Lord Belgrave, Mr. J. Maberly, Mr. D. Hough, and the first sporting men in the county of Surrey; the number of sporting characters was indeed unusually great, as foxhunting had been given up for the season. The deer, upon being released from the "caravan," after a short survey of the country, made a cast towards Hayes Common, but, being headed, started down the valley, leaving the "Fox" at Keston and Holwood to the left, and running by Leaver Green to Down, then through Cudham Lodge Woods, and skirting the adjoining covers went down the hill (at which time few men were up with the hounds save some of the members of the Surrey Foxhounds, who then led them) through the meadows by Titsey Wet Woods, crossing the turnpike and ascending the hill to the Charts, leaving Limpsfield to the left, and bearing towards Tandridge through the enclosures to the Four Elms, passing near Edenbridge: the deer then took that delightful line of country near Penshurst, then, crossing the Medway, kept straight down the country to Rusthall Common, leaving Tunbridge Wells to the left; the animal next ran down the road by the rocks, was headed, made up the hill, and turned short to the left down a lane to Speldhurst, at which place, being closely pursued, the deer took refuge in some farm buildings, the hounds, huntsman, and many of the sportsmen being at his heels. He was at last taken, nearly exhausted, after a sharp chase of three hours and three-quarters. The point was about thirty miles; such a chase as this has seldom been equalled; those gentlemen who followed at the tail of the hounds must, it is calculated, have ridden as much as fifty-five to sixty miles.

When Lord Derby gave up his hounds a Committee was formed, the pack then taking the name of "The Surrey Staghounds." The Committee included John Shaw, who acted as Field-Master for many years, and who subsequently died at the ripe age of one hundred, showing that the delights of the chase had not shortened the span of life. Jonathan Griffin acted as huntsman until about 1816, when he retired, and gave place to Roffey, who was huntsman for five or six seasons. At this time, amongst the most celebrated followers of the Hunt were Lord Stanley and the Hon. E. Stanley, Mrs. Georgiana Theobald, the "Diana" of the Hunt, and the breeder of the famous sire Stockwell.

Another important member of the Hunt at this time was Harry Hicover, the author of *Stable Talk and Table Talk*, published in 1815, a bold and reckless rider, who was always mounted

on the best of cattle, and who was always ready to ride any man for a wager over or at the most impossible obstacles. Many yeomen and tenant farmers, alas! now an extinct feature with the Surrey Stag, used to take a prominent part in the field, breeding and "making" their own hunters, and being the best supporters and most constant followers.

In 1851, Squire Heathcote took over the Mastership, Roffey retiring. The Master for a while hunted hounds himself, but subsequently brought in J. Bentley, who, together with T. Ding, had acted as first and second whip respectively; the latter succeeded Bentley in becoming first whip. The kennels under the new *régime* were taken to Epsom and were erected at The Durdans, the residence of the Master.

After hunting hounds for eighteen seasons, and showing wonderful sport as one of the most popular Masters the pack ever possessed, Mr. Heathcote retired in 1869.

A Committee was then formed to carry on the Hunt, including the Duc de Chartres, Mr. Harry Bowyer, and Mr. Mosse Robinson. Subsequently Mr. Robinson became sole Master; he was excessively popular with all comers; his retirement took place in May, 1878, when the farmers and members subscribed to a very handsome oil painting and silver plate which they presented to him as a token of affectionate regard. During Mr. Robinson's Mastership the kennels were removed to Smitham Bottom; he built them at his own expense, retaining the original staff throughout his reign. The runs that took place over long points and good country were chiefly connected with that good deer Apology, who covered some extraordinarily long distances, and was frequently left out.

In 1878, Mr. Tom Nickalls took over the reins of government. Bentley retired from the post as huntsman, and Hickman followed him. Ding, remaining only one season, became the deer cart driver, and was, in 1879, relieved by C. Maiden. Hounds were again removed, fresh kennels being built by the new Master near his residence at Nutfield. His best deer, one which most consistently gave good runs, was a hind named Lady Effingham, and several points of over twenty miles were attributed to this good animal, her record run being on March 23rd, 1889, a straight point of twenty-three miles from Belle Vue, Lympne, Kent, to Herne Bay, where Mr. Gregory was rowed out to sea by the coastguard for a mile and a-half and brought her safely back; the distance covered was over thirty miles.

Hickman meeting with an accident, C. Maiden, who had previously been huntsman to the Hurworth with Mr. Cookson, took over the post, temporarily, as huntsman, until Harry Dawkins, coming from the Blankney, in July, filled the gap. But misfortune again overtook the staff, Dawkins dying in an apoplectic fit out hunting in October of the same year. Hickman failed to recover from the injury to his spine, and after six seasons retired; he was followed by Tom Morgan from the Burton Foxhounds in December, 1885, Maiden having filled the vacancy in the interregnum. Morgan only remained one season, and was succeeded, in 1886, by Woodcock from the Warnham Staghounds, Maiden retiring, and J. Jupp becoming first whip. Mr. Tom Nickalls, after upwards of fifteen seasons, to the regret of everyone, owing to failing health, sent in his resignation. He was entertained at dinner by the members of the Hunt, and there presented with his portrait in oils. Mr. Frederick Gregory succeeded him in 1893. Woodcock remained on under the new Master; new kennels were built at Horleylands, Horley, more in the centre of the country, by the members of the Hunt, and handed over to the Master. The only change in the staff was that caused by Jupp, who left for two seasons, C. Brooks, from the Warnham, taking his place until his return, in 1895. Mr. Gregory considers his best deer to have been Maid Marion, Foghorn, and Comtess; all of them frequently gave runs of twenty-mile points, the record being the last named, when she ran from Rysshe Court, Horley, in 1902, making a twenty-four-mile point to near Woolwich. After being Master for eight seasons, Mr. Gregory retired, being presented with a magnificent oil painting of himself and hounds, Hunt servants and horses crossing the river in a



From a picture in the possession of Mr. F. Gregory.
MR. MOSSE ROBINSON.

ferry-boat, by Mr. T. Blinks. He was succeeded in due course by the present Master, Captain M. McTaggart, late of the 11th Hussars. On Woodcock's retirement Jupp took his place. Woodcock, who elected to retire at the same time as his Master, Mr. Gregory, was not only a skilled huntsman and able judge of a hound but highly respected by members of the Hunt for his integrity and courtesy. This was in evidence when he vacated his position, the Hunt presenting him with a purse of £350. W. Poole succeeded Jupp, who again became first whip until he retired in 1907, after having been connected with the pack since the year 1881.

During Jupp's term of office as huntsman, Dick Belding, from the Burstow, turned hounds for one season, his vacancy being filled the same year by W. Grace from the Ormond, who was again succeeded by J. Overton from the Surrey Union. Overton is still in office with the huntsman W. Poole.

The country, owing to increase in building, is gradually becoming more cramped. The open districts are getting further south. The best part is now in the Godstone Valley, Edenbridge and Bolney districts. From a hound point, home breeding has not been very extensively cultivated, although last season their couple of hounds, Dancer, by Bicester Donovan—Dainty; and Vanguard, by Verdant—Surrey Vengeance, were a useful type, and were placed at Reigate: first unentered, first entered and first at Crystal Palace, and first unentered at Reigate, 1907, respectively. Their bitches, by Dancer—Bicester, Tally, Dulcet and Damsel, have both taken honours on the flags.

Their chief characteristics seem to be rather weighty shoulders; a tendency to throatiness; length in body; somewhat lacking in loin and rib consequent on the attempt to obtain speed, and at the same time to reduce height. They average as a pack about twenty-three inches full, as against the twenty-five and twenty-five and a-half inches of years gone by. The bitches are very much on the light side, with ribs none too well sprung, but apparently possessed of some powers of endurance.

The stable consists of some ten horses, a useful type of weight-carriers, lacking in quality but apparently suitable to the country. Amongst the best of these are Broth of a Boy and Be Sure, both reliable hunters of their sort. Their best havier is one Valentine, whose longest point was from New Plumpton to Netherfield, whilst Lady Elizabeth, Game Pebble, and Ellie Gay are the pick of their



WILLIAM POOLE.

hinds. Lady Elizabeth was the means of that excellent sporting run in 1907 from Godstone Station to Haywards Heath.



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CAPTAIN M. MCTAGGART.

Mr. A.
Heathcote
—Master,
1851-69.

Sir Gilbert Heathcote, of Chesterfield, county Derby, had issue eight sons, all merchant adventurers except one, who died young. His eldest son, Sir Gilbert Heathcote, first baronet, having been one of the projectors of the Bank of England, an alderman and member of Parliament (1701-13), became Lord Mayor of the City of London 1710, received the honour of knighthood from Queen Anne, and was created a baronet January 17th, 1732.

A direct descendant of his was ARTHUR, fourth son of Sir Gilbert Heathcote, fourth Baronet, who resided at Durdans Park, Epsom, and came to be known as "Squire" Heathcote. He was born June 26th, 1829, and being extremely fond of horses, spent most of his time, when out of

school, in the stables, with the result that he became one of the ablest critics of the points of a horse in his day. It was said that he had few equals as a judge of a yearling, and his opinion was eagerly sought by purchasers at the then celebrated Middle Park and Hampton Court sales. Although limiting his circle of acquaintances to very few among his equals, he was one of the idols of Epsom as regarded the farming and agricultural classes, and the writer of these few notes well recollects his sly manner of relating humorous anecdotes, his descriptive powers and "flashes of merriment that were wont to set the table in a roar." He was as clever on the points of a horse in training as in those of the yearling, and at times won great stakes from the bookmakers, with whom, however, he was always a favourite.

Mr. A.
Heathcote.



From a picture in the possession of Mr. F. Gregory.
SQUIRE HEATHCOTE.

Master of the Surrey Staghounds for eighteen seasons, from 1851 until the year of his death, in fact, his popularity threw the whole district open to him. No distance was too far for him, and no day too long. He rode straight, too, and the writer has often, when a boy, turned out to see his hounds pass through Sutton on their way to the kennels long after dark.

He died in March, 1869, the immediate cause of his death being his insistence upon going to see the trial of a horse called Slouan, when ill, and against the advice of the doctors attending him. His funeral was almost a public one, chief among the mourners being his friend, the Prince de Jouinville.

Born in 1828, Mr. TOM NICKALLS had some of his early experiences in the saddle at Chicago, or, we should rather write, where that city of great canneries now stands. His father having bought land there, took Mr. Nickalls when a boy across the Atlantic with him. A good sportsman, Nickalls *père* also exported a pack of hounds. With these the subject of our memoir hunted wolves and anything else hutable in the primeval forest, where the pork factor now flourishes exceedingly. Returning to this country in his eighteenth year, our subject turned his attention to the stock markets, and a few years later started as a jobber. Possessed of sound business intuition, he, in addition to his studies here, had been a close observer of the practices in vogue in the United States. A bold, clear-headed operator, he dealt more especially in Trans-Atlantic Securities, and eventually became known as the "King of the American Railway Market." Visitors to Patteson Court, Reigate, however, found this keen business man one of the most genial and lavish of hosts. They also happened upon a sportsman after their own heart. Whether as a follower of the Surrey Staghounds, riding in a point-to-point race, or subscribing to help others to enjoy his favourite sport—hunting, he was always to the fore and his purse-strings loose.

Mr. T.
Nickalls
—Master,
1878-93.



From a picture in the possession of Mr. F. Gregory.
MR. TOM NICKALLS.

When, in 1878, Mr. Mosse Robinson resigned the Mastership of the Surrey Staghounds, there was some little difficulty in obtaining a successor to the vacancy, staghunting, as we all know, being far from an inexpensive amusement. The finger of sporting opinion pointed to Mr. Nickalls as eminently suited for the post, and upon being approached, he assented to take over the cares of office. With a fine knowledge of the country and generally respected in the district, his firmness of character eminently fitted him for keeping his field in order, while his natural *bouhommie* made him many friends, and his bold riding kept him well up with his hounds.

Building new kennels near Patteson Court, he kept thirty couples of picked hounds, Carshalton Park furnishing a supply of deer equal to all the requirements of the Hunt. No mention of Mr. Nickalls' success as a Master, however, would be complete without reference to his

Mr. T.
Nickalls.

huntsman and *fidus Achates*, Jack Hickman, whom Mr. Nickalls very appropriately described as a wonderful Hunt servant. Hickman began in the field as second whip to Lord Fitzhardinge at Berkeley Castle in 1849, Harry Ayres being the huntsman. He then went to the "H.H.," and was four seasons second in command to Will Summers and Roberts. An illness terminated his engagement, and few expected him to leave Brompton Hospital for Consumption alive. He pulled through, however, and went to the Oakley, where he was second whip and afterwards kennel huntsman. His next move was to act as first whip to Mr. Tailby, under Jack Goddard, and while there had a terrible fall, which it was said at the time would have killed anyone but Jack Hickman. It kept him from the saddle for a long time, and the next place he had was as a horse-breaker to Lord Fitzwilliam at Wentworth House. In 1870 he was appointed huntsman to Mr. Angerstein's Staghounds in Northants, and afterwards in Norfolk. When, in 1877, Colonel Richardson Gardner established a pack of staghounds at Cowley Manor, Hickman was his huntsman for two seasons, after which he accepted a similar position under Mr. Nickalls. Of that gentleman Hickman was wont to remark, "He is the best Master I ever had, and always anxious to be doing good for everybody about him." It only remains to add that after his wide experience Hickman was eminently fitted to pass an opinion.

In his amiable and accomplished wife Mr. Nickalls had a helpmate meet for him, and properly accredited sportsmen throughout the county found Patteson Court an open house.

Mr. F.
Gregory
—Master,
1893-1901.

Mr. FREDERICK GREGORY, who has been so closely associated with the Surrey Staghounds for many years past, was born in 1831, near Wakefield, Yorkshire, and educated at Winterton, in Lincolnshire. In 1862 he began following these hounds, and ever since that date has never missed a season, and scarcely a meet. In his early days, during Squire Heathcote's reign, he was closely associated with the Duc de Chartres, the Comte de Paris, and other members of that great house, who were regular followers of the Surrey Staghounds, and whom he several times had the honour of entertaining. Other consistent hard-riding members, besides the above popular Squire, were Messrs. Fred. Shoolbred, John Shaw, Mosse Robinson, Harry Bowyer, Tom Nickalls and his sons, and Captain McTaggart.

Mr. Gregory, who has helped to take the stag in almost all the notable runs (including the occasion when he was rowed out to sea at Herne Bay for over a mile, after a run of twenty-three miles straight from Westenhanger across the county of Kent), was Secretary for eighteen seasons, and Master from 1893 to 1901. He has owned many good horses: Alfonso, by Arthur, out of an Irish mare, won two "S.S.H." Hunt Steeplechases, 1877 and 1878, over the Edenbridge natural country, under his owner's pilotage, and later his Birling was thrice steered to victory by Colonel Carter and Mr. Francis Cobb in the Hunt 'chases.

Mr. Gregory is an all-round sportsman, is devoted to deerstalking, fond of tennis and golf, and lives at The Grange, Earlswood, Redhill.



MR. F. GREGORY.

Mr. L. H. J.
Burroughes

Mr. L. H. J. BURROUGHES, of Clemsfold, Horsham, the son of Mr. J. S. Burroughes, of Oakhurst Court, South Godstone, was born in 1877. Since the age of sixteen he has followed the Surrey Staghounds and all local packs, besides most of those in the Midlands and the West. Although a welter-weight, riding 17½ stone, he is one of the hardest men to hounds in his district. His best horse was Worcester, whom he rode for five years. He is fond of most sports, and keeps a string of four or five hunters.

Mr. F. E.
Charles.

An enthusiastic follower of this pack is Mr. F. E. CHARLES, of Timberham, Lowfield Heath, Crawley, who hunts four or five days a week, putting in two days with the Warnham Staghounds. His daughter, Miss Doris, age fourteen, who rides straight, accompanies her father almost every Saturday.

Born in 1863, he began hunting some fourteen years ago, and has ever since been a consistent supporter of the Surrey Staghounds, confining his sport to staghunting only. He is fortunate in possessing some of the finest stables in the county, which he delights in filling with the best of horses. Two of his favourites were Blarney, bought from Lord W. Beresford (also a great favourite of his Lordship), and Bird's Eye, by Zingaree, who gained many victories in the show ring. This good horse was obtained from Lord Orkney.

Mr. F. E.
Charles.

MR. FRANCIS EDWARD GOAD, a prominent member of the Surrey Staghounds, is the fourth son of the late Mr. Edwin Curtis Goad, of Hackbridge, Surrey, a well-known follower of hounds, both in that county and also in Warwickshire, where he hunted from Leamington every season. Born on August 9th, 1868, the Old Surrey Foxhounds gave him his earliest insight into hunting, when he was about seven years old, and since that time he has been a regular follower of all the Surrey packs, but more especially the Surrey Staghounds.

Mr. F. E.
Goad.

He was at Eton from 1882 to 1888; during his last year there he whipped-in to the College Beagles, and distinguished himself in the college cricket eleven against Harrow the same year. Mr. Goad finished his education in Germany, and subsequently came home to join the family business founded by his great-grandfather.

He married, in 1894, Amie, daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Wanklyn, of Buenos Ayres, and they have a girl and two boys, both of whom follow hounds. Mr. Goad acted with Mr. James Motion for some years as Joint Honorary Secretary, under the Mastership of his friend, Mr. F. Gregory, and he has been a member of the Hunt Committee ever since it was formed. He has won the Light-Weight Red Coat Race of the United Hunts at Edenbridge, on his own horse Tempest, and also at Lingfield on Mr. Walton Turner's Sambo. Tempest, by Piersfield, Blackie, by Pride of Prussia, Confidence, and Gameboy have been about his best horses. He has been a follower of the Surrey Staghounds since 1889, and in his younger days, he, and his brother Edwin, kept a private pack of beagles at Hackbridge. He has played cricket a good deal for the M.C.C., Incogniti, and Eton Ramblers. He is a member of the Conservative and City of London Clubs.



MR. F. E. GOAD.

THE WEST SURREY STAGHOUNDS.

THE origin of this pack of staghounds was the Morden Harriers during the Mastership of Squire Blake, with kennels at Motpur Park, Old Malden. Some years prior to being transformed into staghounds they hunted deer once a week, which were kept near the kennels.

In 1886 the pack hunted stag regularly under the name of the Surrey Farmers' Staghounds, and the kennels were removed to Acre Hill, Chessington. Bill Poole, who was previously with the Harriers for many years, was taken on as huntsman. The first Master was Mr. Evans, who subsequently became Alderman Sir David Evans. On his retirement, in 1891, Mr. W. J. Twigg continued with the same staff. Mr. Philip Chuter was honorary whip from the commencement of the Hunt until Mr. Rucker's Mastership, when professional whips were taken on. During the last year of Mr. Twigg's Mastership the Hunt assumed the title of "West Surrey Staghounds." On Mr. Twigg's resignation, in 1894, he was presented with a silver centre piece and four silver dishes by the subscribers and farmers of the Hunt in appreciation of his services and the good sport he had shown.

The Hunt was then carried on for one season by a Committee, which included such good sportsmen as Messrs. J. Page, Johnson, Langlands, C. J. Furnival, J. Wallis, Tom Land, Webber, and others.

In 1895, Mr. D'Avigdor took over the Mastership, but meeting with an accident, from which he subsequently died, he retired after one season, the Committee again taking charge in 1896-97. Bill Poole was succeeded by his son, now huntsman of the Surrey Staghounds. The Committee appointed Mr. Martin D. Rucker as Master, who kept on the pack until 1900. He built kennels at Woodlands Park, and moved hounds there during his second season. Resigning in 1900, he was succeeded by Mr. A. J. Curnick, who moved kennels built by the Hunt to Mr. Denny's farm at Chessington.

In 1904, Mr. E. W. Robinson became Master, and continued until the termination of the Hunt in 1907, when hounds were sold and the establishment given up entirely. The pack consisted of some thirty couples of hounds, bitches and dogs, the former predominating in number. They were recruited from almost every kennel in England; a few couples only being bred annually. Amongst the most notable of the dog hounds was one, Ponto, almost a pure-bred bloodhound, and which for many seasons was the most trusted in the pack.

The country boundaries were from the Thames along the Boxhill Range to Reigate Hill, and from there to Guildford, on to Puttenham Cross Roads to Worplesdon, and was lent by the Surrey Stag Hunt. Their most famous havier was one called Master Walter, and was obtained from the Queen's after a joint meet of that pack and the West Surrey, which after a long run they left out, and which was subsequently taken by the West Surrey and afterwards presented to them by Lord Ribblesdale. This havier, only three times subsequently being taken, no matter where uncartered, always made a point straight back to The Paddocks, at which he arrived prior to the hounds.

One of the best runs on record was from a meet at Cheam Court, Mr. P. Kerr entertaining all comers. The deer was "enlarged" at Cheam Warren, and running *viâ* North Looe to North House and Burgh Heath, made his way to Headley Park and Mickleham Downs, on through Norbury Park to Polesdon, Horsley Towers, Clandon, and Newark Abbey to Woking, and from there to Knaphill, Pirbright, on to Worplesdon where, darkness setting in, they left him out; out of a field of one hundred and twenty only eight were left in, including Bill Poole and his son, Mr. Philip Chuter, Mr. Barningham, Mr. W. Kerr, and Mr. Percy Langlands; kennels were reached at midnight. Amongst the members best known of the West Surrey Staghounds were the following: Messrs. Auriol Barker, T. H. Burrows, Samson, Coleman, Denny Fountain, Gage, Kelly, W. G. Langlands (Honorary Secretary under three Masters), MacRae, Page, Ripley, Stoneham, Townend, T. Land, M. D. Rucker, W. J. Twigg, C. J. Webber, and H. R. Taylor, to whom we are indebted for the above details.

Mr. E. W.
Robinson
—Master,
1903-04.

MR. ERNEST WILLIAM ROBINSON, who was born in 1877, is the son of the late Mr. John Robinson, and was educated at Marlborough.

Although Mr. Robinson has been a hunting man all his life, starting at the age of twelve years, he is, perhaps, better known as a breeder and exhibitor. He is the owner of one of the most famous hunter stallions in England, namely, Riverstown, of whom an engraving appears. This good horse has seldom been beaten in any of the many shows in which he has been entered.

Red Sahib, another good stallion, took the first prize at the Dublin Show two years in succession, a fact which speaks for itself regarding his merits. In 1906, Mr. Robinson met with many successes with various horses at shows all over the kingdom, a complete list of which would take more space than is available here. Goodarm won four firsts and four seconds, whilst her foal, Tributary, carried off five firsts and two seconds.

Golden Leaf was successful in gaining four firsts and three seconds. His stud is at Leighton Buzzard.

Mr. Robinson's hunting has mostly taken place in Surrey. He was himself Master of the West Surrey Staghounds in the season of 1903-04. In many other countries he has had experience, amongst the numerous packs being the Quorn, Mr. Fernie's, and Lord Rothschild's Staghounds. Mr. Robinson has had his successes in racing, owning several good steeplechasers, the best being, undoubtedly, Lambskin and Bernalira.



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*Mr. E. W. Robinson
and his
Hunter Stallion "Riverstoun."*

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THE OLD SURREY.

THE earliest date to which the Old Surrey Hounds can be traced is 1750, when a Mr. Gobsall hunted what is now the Old Surrey country. The kennels were at Bermondsey! *Tempora mutantur*, indeed! It is not so very many years ago that remains of the old stables and kennels could still be traced at the Messrs. Dudin's wharf. These gentlemen were members of the Old Surrey Hunt about 1760-70. Again, nearly half a century later, we learn that the kennels were at East Hall, Bermondsey, the residence and property of Mr. Henry Dudin, though whether those and the kennels first mentioned are one and the same is not quite clear.

During the latter half of the eighteenth century the Master was a Mr. Snow, a banker in the Strand, who hunted the country till about 1808. The huntsman was probably Peckham Hills. This, however, is mere conjecture. What we do know is, that Peckham Hills is the first huntsman of whom there are authentic records. We know, too, that he was followed by West, and then Jack Cole; also that Tom Hills, nephew of Peckham Hills, became huntsman in 1816, so that it is not at all unlikely that Snow and Hills hunted in company.

In Mr. Snow's time, Peckham Rye, Forest Hill, and Sydenham, which were in the midst of open common land, were three very favourite meets. The kennels were near Godstone.

In 1808, Colonel the Hon. G. Nevill took the country, and hunted it till 1812. The kennels were still at Godstone, but few records appear to have been preserved of these early days. When we think of the extraordinary change which has taken place in the country—streets and houses covering the very ground hounds used to run over; the way in which estates have changed hands, and how the original dwellers in this part of the world have gone elsewhere, it is scarcely surprising that the early history of this pack is so nearly lost in the mists of time.

When Colonel Nevill retired, in 1812, the country was taken over by Mr. Maberly, under whom the famous Tom Hills began his career as second horseman to the Master, acting occasionally as whip, and was promoted to the rank of huntsman in 1816. He began to hunt the hounds before he was twenty years old, when Mr. Maberly happened to be absent. The hounds were now at Shirley, near Croydon. Mr. Maberly retired in 1820.



TOM HILLS.

It was about this time that Colonel Jolliffe, M.P. for Petersfield, became the owner of a pack of hounds, and hunted for a time between the Old Surrey and Surrey Union countries. He was once very angry with Mr. Maberly, who had written him an abusive letter, concerning the digging of a fox, and called him out. There was no bloodshed, however. Colonel Jolliffe sold his hounds to Sir Thomas Dyke.

In 1820, Mr. Daniel Haigh succeeded Mr. Maberly as Master of the Old Surrey. At this time he was living at Tooting, and the hounds were kept at Chelsham, about three miles from Croydon, where the "Kennel Farm" is now situated. Mr. Haigh hunted the country till 1836, when it was taken over by Sir Edmund Antrobus, of Cheam. He took in Colonel

Cator as partner in 1840. The hounds were kept at Garston Hall, Coulsdon, where they have been ever since.



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THE OLD SURREY.

From 1813 to 1817, Messrs. William Mortimer and John Castendeick assisted Sir Edmund in hunting the country, and when the latter was not out, his place in the field was taken by Mr. W. Mortimer. When Sir Edmund retired, in 1817, a Committee of Management was formed, consisting of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. W. Mortimer, Thomas Hood (an ironfounder of Blackfriars), and Henry Nicholl. Sir Edmund lent his horses and hounds to these gentlemen with which to hunt the country. In 1859, Mr. Hood left his colleagues. It was in this year that “Druid” went to see Tom Hills, the huntsman. He says:—“Tom is now rising sixty-four, and just entering his fortieth season as huntsman with his Old Surrey pets. He has been at it with them ever since he was fifteen, and whipped-in for seven seasons to John Cole. Out of the other forty-two, three were spent behind the bar, but he soon took to the scarlet again.”

Five of Tom Hill’s sons, all trained by himself or his brother Jem, huntsman to the Heythrop, were connected with hounds. Three of them—Tom, George, and Edward (who was with Count Carolli at Pesth)—were huntsmen; Morris was second whip to Her Majesty; and Sam, first whip to himself. In 1861, Tom Hills retired, and was succeeded by his son Sam. He died February 11th, 1873, aged seventy-seven.

In 1871, Mr. Mortimer hunted the country alone, and continued to do so until 1877.



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THE OLD SURREY HOUNDS CROSSING THE BRIGHTON ROAD.

Sam Hills, the huntsman, began at fifteen, as second horseman to his father, and, when he was seventeen, he went as first whip to Mr. Waldo, of Stonewall Park, who had his own pack of hounds. Here he stayed for three seasons, when he returned to the Old Surrey. He was second whip for three seasons, and first whip for five; then huntsman, in which capacity he remained for thirty-two consecutive years. He resigned in 1892.

In 1877, Mr. Edmund Byron became Master until 1902. Mr. H. R. Taylor (to whose History acknowledgments are due for much information) says of him: “A fine horseman, devoted to hunting, and a keen all-round sportsman, with the social prestige of a large landowner, Mr. Byron has fulfilled the duties appertaining to Mastership with eminent ability and distinction.” He got fresh blood from the Grafton, Warwickshire, Oakley, Bicester, Fitzwilliam, Lord Leconfield, and others. When Mr. Byron retired in 1902, as a mark of the general estimation in which he was held, an address was presented to him, together with a handsome eup and a gold watch, by the Hunt members, and the farmers gave him a silver tea and coffee service.

When Sam Hills relinquished the horn, in 1892, he was followed by James Coekayne, the Essex first whip. He left to hunt the Puckeridge in 1896. The two succeeding years Mr. Byron

hunted the hounds himself, but was constrained to give up by the ill effects of a bad fall in the Point-to-Point. Tom Attrill, first whip from the Vine, then carried the horn till 1900, and was followed by C. Wesley, who had been huntsman of the West Kent, and who retired in 1902.

In 1903, Mr. Boileau was elected Master, a position which he still holds, and hunts the hounds himself. His kennel huntsman and first whip is now Richard Froude. The office of Secretary was held from 1852 to 1871 by Mr. W. Hine Haycock, better known to fame as "Scrutator."

Mr.
Maberly
—Master,
1812-20.

According to "Nimrod," MR. MABERLY'S kennels were at Shirley, where he resided, after previously being at Bermondsey, from whence a start was made. At that time we read that the old merchants used to go on 'Change in top boots, or it may be hessians with their scarlet coats and green collars, and an overcoat on to hide the "pink." They mostly kept their hounds in the Borough, at which time Southwark Park (where the Bishops of Winchester in succession lived) existed, on the site of what is now the larger part of Potts' vinegar factory, and they would ride to the Hunt stables and kennels in Bermondsey. The writer continues, he (Mr. Maberly) was a great Army contractor and general speculator, being, among other things, coachbuilder to King George III., and although said to be worth a million of money, failed at last. He kept the hounds entirely at his own expense for three seasons, then a subscription was made and given to him. He appears to have removed the kennels to Spring Park, and built stables there. He rode first-class horses, which he bought of Weston, a dealer, and always had three out, the second and third being ridden by Mockford, a groom, and his little boy. He went tremendously when hounds ran, and fairly got through the three in the course of the day. He was a great promoter of sport, an active steward at Epsom, and the Shirley Stakes were called after his residence. On giving up the Old Surrey he became Master of the Surrey Staghounds with Mr. Richard Tattersall, of Danley Hall. It appears that he was violent and irritable as a Master, and consequently was warned off the land of many farmers. This doubtless induced Tom Hills to remark that Mr. Maberly could hunt the hounds as long as they went straight. At the same time, it must not be forgotten that he "invented" Hills, in a manner of speaking, as up to the time of his engaging that celebrity in embryo Hills had been under the keeper of Marden Park, and his father was a quarryman. In 1814, Mr. Maberly sent Hills into Leicestershire with a noted hunter, named Comet, and five others, to make hunters and learn the science himself. From being at first, together with his team, a subject of derision, he showed such capacity as to gain the respect of his critics, and eventually obtained quite a reputation, so that, in 1816, Mr. Maberly handed him the horn.

Mr. D.
Haigh
—Master,
1820-36.

MR. DANIEL HAIGH, who succeeded Mr. Maberly in the Mastership of the Old Surrey Foxhounds in 1820, was a Yorkshire sportsman noted for all the shrewd quality often associated with the county of broad acres, and infinite tact and knowledge of the world. It is related of him that he never implied that he killed foxes, but rather made the remark, "I'll bet a bottle of wine we shall find now," and his field came to know him so well that the wager was seldom accepted. The sport he showed was of a high class, and he is said to have been a short man of the wire and whipcord order, and of a light weight. He rode with a thin plain snaffle, and



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MR. DANIEL HAIGH.

insisted upon the Hunt servants doing the same. At no time had he a curb bridle in his harness-room. "I believe in hands," was one of his remarks, "not in ironmongery." An intimate friend of Mr. Maberly, they hunted together constantly, and took other pleasures together in a spirit equally free. It is related of him that he sat his horse with ease, being a master of the situation although his horses did not always carry their noses where they ought to have been, still, even with the plain snaffle he was never troubled with their vagaries. During his Mastership it was usual to give elaborate breakfasts at the "Swan" at Wickham, Godstone, or Pratt's Bottom, conviviality being the order of the day. It was, however, Mr. Haigh's habit to discourage smoking in the hunting field, and he did not like those who practised it, considering it detrimental to scent, or more probably as likely to scare his foxes.

Mr. D.
Haigh.

The family of Antrobus originally came from Cheshire, but their principal seat in that county, Antrobus Hall, was alienated by Henry Antrobus, who sold it in 1460 to Sir Thomas Venables, whose descendants continued to reside there for many generations. The property was, however, redeemed by an Antrobus, of whom SIR EDMUND ANTROBUS, third Baronet, was a direct descendant. He was born on September 3rd, 1818, and married Marianne Georgina, daughter of Sir George Dashwood, fourth Baronet. He was an M.A. Cambridge, J.P. for Wiltshire, High Sheriff in 1880, M.P. for East Surrey 1844-47, and for Wilton 1855-77. He died on April 1st, 1899.

Sir E.
Antrobus,
Bt.
—Master,
1836-47.

Sport engaged almost as much of Sir Edmund's attention as politics, and, in 1836, he succeeded Mr. Daniel Haigh as Master of the Old Surrey. Sir Edmund was a most popular sportsman in the district, and known as a very pleasant man in the field, and it was pointedly said that "neither his horse or his tongue ran away with him." A contemporary says, "He was a good man in the saddle, and a wise one on foot," and it is, therefore, no matter for wonder that followers of the Hunt appreciated him. The sport shown by him was of the best. The arrangement with Mr. Castendeick to assist him in the management was intended, we believe, as a species of solatium to that gentleman, who had, in consequence of ill-health, to give up active work in the field. Although Sir Edmund eventually resigned his position on account of the scarcity of foxes, there were several owners of large estates who keenly supported him. One such was Mr. T. Alcock, M.P. for Surrey, who, although a non-hunting man, always had foxes on his estate, The Warren, Kingswood. He was wont to say to the Master, "I only want game enough for my own table, and if you don't find a fox in my coverts, let me know, and somebody will get a wiggling."

There were many bold riders in the Old Surrey country, so happily delineated by Surtees in

his *Jorrocks' Jaunts*. Among these was Mr. WILLIAM MORTIMER. Born at Lewisham Hill in 1809, Mr. Mortimer was "entered" as a small boy; indeed, it is upon record that in December, 1819, he rode his pony twenty miles to covert, and hunted him all day. The peculiarity in connection with the deceased gentleman is that he was true to his first love, the Old Surrey being the alpha and omega of his hunting alphabet. He was wont to say, "It is my business, as well as pleasure, to kill foxes in a thoroughly sporting manner, and when I fail to do so, I am prepared to shut up shop - before the last customer has beaten me." Loving the sport for its own sake, a "general" in the management of a hunting

Mr. W.
Mortimer
—Master,
1847-77.



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MR. WILLIAM MORTIMER.

establishment, his judgment was sound. There was, however, nothing of the martinet about him in

Mr. W.
Mortimer.

the field, consequently, he made a host of friends among the followers of the Hunt. In return, he managed to show consistently good sport throughout his term of office, which lasted thirty years, he being assisted by Messrs. Hood and Nicholl from 1847 to 1859, and by Mr. Nicholl from 1859 to 1871. At a happy function, when the portrait of his late huntsman, Tom Hills, was presented to Mr. Mortimer, he, in the course of his speech, said, "As to the subject of this picture, I need hardly say that I have a high regard for the memory of Tom Hills. I have been brought up as a pupil of his as far as hunting is concerned, and have learned a great deal from him in that respect." Mr. Mortimer did not mention whether he learnt to play the key bugle from Hills, as it is recorded that Tom carried a key bugle in lieu of a horn in his early days. With this, he got his hounds out of cover to the tune of "Young May Morn," or "Buy a Broom." This would astonish some of our modern "Nesters" of the field, and, as Lord Amherst remarked at the afore-said presentation, "It must have been a nasty thing to carry round the neck, and worse still to fall upon."

Genial and hale to the last, Mr. Mortimer passed away in his seventy-seventh year, regretted by many friends.

Mr. E.
Byron
—Master,
1877-1902.

MR. EDMUND BYRON, of Coulsdon Court, who succeeded Mr. Mortimer in the Old Surrey, was, indubitably, the right man in the right place. The eldest son of the late Mr. T. Byron, J.P., of Coulsdon, he was born in 1843, and educated at Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford. He married, in 1867, Charlotte, only daughter of the late General Jeffreys, C.B. He is a J.P. for his county, and a man of affairs, actively assisting in anything which may be conducive to the good of his district.

Sport generally, and hunting in particular, has, however, been his *métier*. Beginning to hunt with the Old Surrey almost as soon as he could bestride a pony, Mr. Byron has the lore of this time-honoured pack at his finger ends, in manner of speaking. He recalls the happiest days of the Hunt, before the jerry builder began his deadly raid on this beautiful country, when the woodlands were extensive, and covert for fox was abundant, the parts devoted to farming being chiefly ploughland. Fortunately, however, the flints, which were a bad feature of those days, have almost disappeared from the face of the country. "For example," says Mr. Taylor, "Mr. Byron informs us that he can remember small patches of land, here and there, where followers of these hounds used to ride eternally over a bed of flints, and actually could not see the soil for them. They were valueless, and not worth picking in those days, so were left alone, yet the farmers grew their corn crops on them. At that period, moreover, the shooting interest was not so strong as it is now; the coverts were always open to the hounds, and foxes were more sedulously preserved. Modern changes in this respect leave, alas! a great deal to be desired."

Availing ourselves of Mr. Byron's earlier recollections, we find that the opening meet of the season was always at Worms Heath—a very picturesque spot—on the first Monday after Croydon Fair, at 10.30 (the time which was then kept throughout the season), the date of such meet being about October 3rd or 4th. Mondays were given up to the Kent side, Thursdays to below hill, and Saturdays to within easy reach of Croydon.

A fine horseman and able critic of a foxhound, both on the flags and in the field, he was an ideal Master from 1877 to 1902. He remembers, when a boy, seeing the renowned Tom Hills kill a fox near West Croydon station. During his tenure of a quarter of a century in office, Mr. Byron, who is an owner of a large tract of land, was as popular as he is at the present day.

He resides at Coulsdon Court, Purley, Surrey.

Mr. H. W.
Boileau
present
Master.

The present Master of the Old Surrey Foxhounds, MR. HENRY WILLOCK BOILEAU, is the son of Colonel George Wilson Boileau. He was born in 1862, and educated at the Oxford Military College, and subsequently proceeded to India, since when he has done a considerable amount of soldiering in the Frontier Police, including the Sikkim Expedition, for which he holds a medal.

He is well known in the hunting world, having, previous to his taking over the control of the Old Surrey, held the Mastership of three packs—firstly, of the Abingdon College Beagles in 1879-80, and secondly, on his return from abroad when, in 1900, he became Master of the Wirral Harriers, and then of the South Coast Staghounds.

Mr. H. W.
Boileau.



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MR. H. W. BOILEAU.

Two years later he was offered, and accepted, the Mastership of the Old Surrey Foxhounds, which position he still occupies.

A keen all-round sportsman, he, whilst in India, raced a good deal, and did a very considerable amount of big-game shooting and pig-sticking; at home, too, he has ridden in many steeplechases, besides having hunted with most of the best-known Midland and South of England packs.

He lives at Chilmead, Nutfield, Surrey.

MR. GEORGE NEAME MURTON, the Honorary Secretary of the Old Surrey Hunt, comes of a hunting stock, for his father, the late Mr. Charles Murton, formerly hunted with the Tickham.

Mr. G. N.
Murton
—Hon. Sec.

Born on January 5th, 1857, at the age of nine he was blooded by Tipton, huntsman of the Tickham, under the Mastership of the first Mr. W. Rigden.

After leaving Bruce Castle, Tottenham, where he was educated, Mr. Murton lived with his father at The Batteries, Sittingbourne, and assisted him in farming; he hunted with the Tickham Foxhounds and the neighbouring packs for about eighteen years.

In 1883 he married Katherine Fanny, daughter of Mr. Nathaniel Hall, of Southwick, near Brighton, and lived in London for about three years. His two daughters are well known with the Old Surrey. He began hunting again, however, in 1895, when he came to live in Kent, chiefly with the West Kent. Two years later saw him hunting regularly with the Old Surrey, from his present residence, Petleys, Downe.

Since 1904 (with the exception of a portion of the season 1906, when Mr. H. R. Taylor took his place) he has acted as Honorary Secretary to the Hunt, succeeding Mr. John Loves, and the present sound financial position owes much to his management.

Mr. Murton is the owner of Ballinkeele, one of the most accomplished steeplechasers south of London. Purchased in 1899, he is by Zagazig, by Cremorne (winner of the Derby), out of Zee.

Since 1901 Ballinkeele has been successful in twelve out of fourteen points-to-points. In the same year he won the Old Surrey Heavy-Weight Race, and the Burstow Open Race in 1902. In 1904 he was first in the Surrey Union, and in the West Kent Open Race, which success he repeated in 1905. The same year he came home an easy winner in the Old Surrey Open Race, and was first in the Mid Kent Stag Hunt Open Race. In 1906 he scored two more wins, those of the West Kent Open, and the Stock Exchange Heavy-Weight, the latter win being repeated in 1907 and 1908.

Mr. Murton is a member of the Stock Exchange, and is regarded as one of their best sportsmen.



Mr. J. H.
Brodie.

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MR. J. H. BRODIE.

MR. JOHN HENRY BRODIE, the Chairman of the Committee of the Old Surrey Hunt, of Shrubhurst, Oxted, Surrey, was born on August 30th, 1847, and is the third son of the late Mr. James Church Brodie, of Roxburgh and East Lothian, N.B., who was a notable shot and fisherman, and had, in his younger days, been a hunting man. In 1874 he married Florence Edith, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Elliot Cunningham.

**Mr. J. H.
Brodie.**

Mr. Brodie had a season or two with Mr. Garth's and the "H.H.," and later on hunted two seasons with the Duke of Buccleuch's. He has also paid several visits to the packs in Ireland, in the neighbourhood of county Cork.

In 1894, Mr. Brodie took up his residence at Oxted and has since hunted with the Burstow and the Old Surrey, of which latter pack he has been Chairman of Committee since 1906.



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MISS BRODIE.

Mr. and Mrs. Brodie's eldest son, Mr. Harry Cunningham Brodie, M.P. for Reigate, was born in 1875. Their second son, Mr. Lennox Cunningham Brodie, of the 4th Hussars, who was born in the following year, is a known big-game shot, and together with his elder brother and two of his sisters are also regular followers of hounds.

Mr. H. W. A. DETERDING, of Westgate, Beckenham, though one of the newer members of the Old Surrey Hunt, is one of its most generous and enthusiastic supporters.

Born at Amsterdam, 1866, Mr. Deterding is the third son of the late Captain Deterding.

On completing his education he entered the Twentsche Bank, and during his early years was one of the keenest rowing men in Amsterdam.

From 1888 to 1896 he pursued a commercial career in the Straits Settlements, where he was manager of the Nederland Trading Society. Returning to his own country in 1897, he joined the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, of which large concern he is now managing director.

Since 1902, Mr. Deterding has associated himself with this country, both in the commercial as well as the sporting world. In that year, in conjunction with Sir Marcus Samuel, Baronet, he formed the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Limited, of which he is now managing director, and since then has resided permanently in this country. Two years later he joined the Old Surrey Hunt, when he took up his residence at Beckenham, and has hunted about two days a week for the past few seasons.

Mr. Deterding is a keen shot, and has extensive shooting on his own estate at Kelling Hall, Norfolk, over about 1,500 acres.

The best hunters which he has owned have been Thor (Marquess), bought in 1904, and Bumptuous, which hunter, in the Bath Show of 1908, beat Astral, the Olympia winner.

He married, in 1894, Miss Newbromer, daughter of the Consul-General for Siam. He is a member of the Dutch Club, and the Royal Automobile Club.

**Mr. W.
Noakes.**

MR. WICKHAM NOAKES, eldest son of the late Mr. John Tompsett Noakes, J.P., of Brockley Hall, Kent, and head of the brewing firm of Noakes and Co., was born in 1840. He commenced hunting when about twenty with the Old Surrey, but did not follow hounds regularly till the early nineties, when he was living at Leatherhead. From there he hunted a good deal with the Surrey Union, and was on the Hunt Committee from 1893 to 1899. In this latter year he changed his residence to Selsdon Park, near Croydon, and then followed the Old Surrey, and served on the Committee for a few years.

For the past season or two Mr. Noakes has not followed Hounds, but has rather devoted himself to shooting and to his life-long recreation, golf. In this latter respect he is a member of the Blackheath, St. George's, and many other clubs, and since the year 1854 has been a golf enthusiast. In 1856, when only sixteen, he won the Boy's Medal at Blackheath. In earlier days he was well known in the cricket world as a prominent amateur.

Mr. Noakes has had several good hunters, the best being Fortis, by Fortissimo, who ran second to St. John in the Surrey Union Heavy-Weight Point-to-Point in 1898; Coquette, who

won the Surrey Union Heavy-Weight in 1891; and Dandy, who ran second twice and third once in the same race.

Mr. W.
Noakes.

He has a fine collection of specimens relating to ornithology, and is a member of the British Ornithological Union.

In 1865 he married Kate Frances, daughter of Mr. John Shorter, and has four sons, all of whom are keen hunting men. The eldest, Mr. W. F. Noakes, is well-known as an expert shot, having won over a hundred prizes for pigeon shooting. His second son, Mr. John Norman Noakes, it will be remembered, started the Banstead Draghounds in 1900, and ran them for six years. He was also formerly a keen polo player, and owned *Muscipula*, by *Hambletonian*—*Rat*, a winner of many pony races.

Mr. Noakes' two other sons, Mr. Sydney Neville and Mr. Stuart Bertram, follow the Surrey Union, and the latter is a member of the Stock Exchange instead of being in the family business.

MR. HUMPHREY RICHARDSON TAYLOR, of Oakleigh, Cheam, Surrey, only child of the late Mr. Edward James Taylor, of Chelsea, Middlesex, was born on June 3rd, 1872, and at a very early age began to show a love for horses, riding and sport generally.

Mr. H. R.
Taylor.

When he was two years old, Mr. Taylor's father moved from Chelsea to Cheam, where our subject has lived ever since, and although his hunting has been chiefly confined to the Surrey packs, yet the Quorn, the Pytchley, the Vine, and the Crawley and Horsham have seen him as an occasional visitor.

At the age of seven he had his first day's hunting with Squire Blake's Harriers, then known as the Morden Harriers, and later changed to the West Surrey Staghounds. He was blooded with this pack, but soon after used to follow the Surrey Union, and when about eleven years old, started with the Old Surrey, which he has followed regularly ever since.

A versatile sportsman, he finds time to go in for most field sports, fishing and shooting claiming considerable attention.

The literature of the chase has always interested Mr. Taylor, who has written a very comprehensive and valuable history of the Old Surrey Hunt, the proceeds of which work, published by Longmans, he handed over to the Hunt Servants' Benefit Society. This work Mr. Taylor has courteously placed at our disposal and grateful acknowledgments are therefore due to him.



MR. H. R. TAYLOR.

At his home at Cheam he has probably the best collection of old sporting prints and engravings, *à propos* of hunting in Surrey, there is extant. As a collector he has specialized in the work of the two Wolstenholmes.

He has served on the Committee of the Hunt for the past seven years, and is a very active member in the matter of looking after foxes, settling poultry claims, etc., in his neighbourhood.

Of the many good hunters which he has owned at various times, perhaps the two best have been Charlie, ridden eight seasons, 1894–1902, with only two falls, and Birthday, by Scene Shifter, which is still in his stables.

He has usually an entry or two in the local points-to-points and steeplechases, getting home Actress in 1904 in the Surrey Union Hunt Meeting's Light-Weight Race. His colours are sometimes seen on the racecourse, and W. Nightingall had several horses in training

Mr. H. R. Taylor. for him at one time, Liberté winning the Prince of Wales' Steeplechase at Sandown Park in 1905.

Mr. Taylor married, on June 18th, 1903, Miss Wells, of Mitcham, daughter of Mr. S. Wells, and they have two sons.

Nowadays the Old Surrey claims most of Mr. Taylor's attention, but he is also a member of the Surrey Union, and between the two packs puts in about three days a week. As a light-weight horseman, who knows every inch of his country, he prefers a small, short-legged half-bred mount for Surrey.

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The Surrey Union (Farbours).
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THE SURREY UNION.

IN or about the year 1780, the country now hunted by the Surrey Union was irregularly worked by several private packs, which at a later date were amalgamated. The country itself was clearly marked with the boundaries of the adjoining Hunts, but up to the above-named date the private packs used to hunt indiscriminately. Lord Southampton was one of the first owners in the northern portion of the country, hunting from Lovell's Grove in the years 1780-85 (*circa*). He imported foxes from the Grafton country, supposed to have been obtained from Whittlebury Forest, which then, as now, was always a stronghold.

During the same period, one Colonel Jolliffe also had a private pack, hunting the southern portion, including some of the Old Surrey, and what is now the Burstow country. His nominal boundaries were from the Brighton Road, south through Reigate, Boxhill, and including Norbury Park. A set of oil paintings by Wolstenholme, depicts his hounds "At the Kennels at Merstham," and "Running through Norbury Park," now the residence of Mr. Leopold Salomons, with whose permission we reproduce the photograph. Norbury Park, be it mentioned, still upholds its reputation for foxes, and has for sixteen successive seasons been the scene of the opening meet of the Surrey Union, where the genial host dispenses hospitality to all comers.



NORBURY PARK.

A relic, in the shape of a silver drinking cup, inset in a fox's mask, presented by Colonel Jolliffe to Wolstenholme, *senr.*, is now in the possession of Mr. Taylor, of Cheam. Colonel Jolliffe subsequently sold his pack at Tattersalls about the year 1815, Sir Thomas Dyke being the purchaser. He was celebrated later on for the duel he fought with Mr. Maberly, history does not relate the cause, but after two shots had been fired by either side and no blood shed, satisfaction was declared, and they once more renewed their friendship.

It would appear that in addition to Lord Southampton and Colonel Jolliffe's hounds, two other packs hunted the east and west side of the country respectively. In 1785, one, John Leach, of Lea, near Godalming, taking the eastern portion of the country, whilst the western was hunted under the Mastership of Samuel Godschell, of Western House, Albury, who had his kennels at what is now called "Dog Kennel" Lane, Albury. In 1798, these two packs were amalgamated and formed the Surrey Union Hunt, Mr. Samuel Godschell apparently ruling its destinies until the year 1802, when they were seemingly, through some unknown cause, dispersed. In the last-named year, the Rev. Arthur Onslow started a fresh pack under the old title, getting his hounds together by drafts from the Goodwood, Lord Berkeley's, Lord Egremont's, at Petworth, and Mr. Godschell's late pack. Colonel Sumner presented kennels to the new Master at East Clandon, whilst Nat Archer came on as huntsman with John Hyde to turn hounds to him. After some seasons, Mr. Onslow gave up and was succeeded by Captain Boulton, who hunted hounds from Gibon's Grove, and who for a while retained the same staff.

In 1814 the hounds were moved to new kennels at Fetcham Park, the seat of Mr. John Barnard Hankey, and, in 1817, Nat Archer retired and was succeeded by George Hennessey, who went by the name of "Pop." In the same year Mr. J. Barnard Hankey took over the hounds

vice Captain Boulton, retired. He only kept on for one season, however, to be in turn succeeded in the Mastership by Mr. Thomas Seawell, of Bookham, the same Hunt servants remaining on with him. Hunting hounds for four seasons, Mr. Seawell gave way, in 1822, to Mr. Richard Boulton, who, on becoming Master, took "Kit" Atkinson, from the Worcestershire, as huntsman, the latter was, after three seasons, succeeded by Dick Simpson, from the York and Ainsty.

In 1831, Squire John Barnard Hankey became Master, with presumably the same staff, but after a few seasons he dispersed his pack and started an entirely fresh one, getting about twenty couples given him from Mr. Osbaldeston. John Jennings came with them as huntsman, relieving Dick Simpson. From 1831 to 1835 they apparently had a dog and bitch pack, the latter accounting for two-thirds of the kills. In the following details, culled from the then Master's diary, some idea of their sport at the period will be gained. Their blank days were few, and apparently, judging from past records of weather, the seasons had to be very severe to stop hunting:—

	Killed.	Ground.	Blank.	Days Hunting.	Commenced.	Finished.
1831	13 brace	11½	7	...	August 20th	April 20th.
1832	20 „	11½	2	101	Stopped by snow, March 23rd.	
1833-34	11 „	9½	4	103	September 2nd to March 22nd.	
1834-35	No cub hunting.					
	18½ brace	6½	6	82	November 8th to April 10th.	

About the year 1837 the country was hunted three days a week, and in addition to dog and bitch pack, there were a large and small pack, which is mentioned quite apart from the former, and is presumed to point to the fact that in certain woodland and hill meets they used a small hound in a mixed pack for the third day.

At this period another pack was hunted privately in the southern boundaries of the Surrey Union Hunt by Mr. Lee Steere, with kennels first at Hall House, Oakwood Hill, and, subsequently, at Jaye's Park, Ockley. After a few seasons these hounds were given up and went to swell the kennels of the Crawley and Horsham Foxhounds, whilst staghounds reigned in their place.

In 1841, Colonel Holme Sumner became Master, remaining in that position for seventeen years, and retiring April 14th, 1858. His staff consisted of John Jennings, who, with Oswald Lister and John Dale, successively carried the horn. The latter had his son, when only twelve years of age, to turn hounds to him for one season as second whip, whilst Phil Toccock held the premier position.

Colonel Holme Sumner was assisted during his Mastership by the following well-known sportsmen, who formed the Hunt Committee: President, Mr. Cockran; Members, Messrs. Combe (of Cobham Park), Helme (afterwards Mashiter) (of Bookham), Elkin, Currie, Evelyn (of Wootton), Andrews, Levick (of Epsom), Colonel Skinner, Captain Stringer, and Captain Fred. B. Hankey, R.N.

Amongst those still living, and who, up to last season took an active part in the hunting field is old Mr. John Haseman, of Ashted, now eighty-five years of age. He well recollects the members in those days.

Haseman remembers, also, his first acquaintance with hounds, which occurred when he was a boy of nine years old following the plough. The hounds crossed the field in which he was working; he left his horses' heads and ran after them, arriving in time to be present at the death; he returned to his labours when the hounds went home, and received such a thrashing from the carter that he says he can still feel it. His master, a keen sportsman, rated the carter, and afterwards always afforded Haseman an opportunity to follow the hounds. In Mr. Bennett's time foxes were imported from Scotland, Haseman being deputed to look after their welfare and turn them down. Colonel Buller, then an active member of the Hunt, instituted keepers' dinners and Haseman took round the invitations. There was no regular



JOHN HASEMAN.

earth-stopper in those days, John Dale, the huntsman, and his whip doing most of it themselves. Old John made a habit of attending the meets of the Queen's Staghounds; one of his proudest recollections is of Prince Francis coming up to him in the field and talking with him.

In the year 1858, on the retirement of Colonel Sumner from the Mastership, Captain Fred. Barnard Hankey, R.N., became Master, with an agreement "to have a completely free hand in everything, to be held free from all expenses, and to have two horses kept for his own personal use at the kennels." With the change of Mastership, Jim Dale retired, giving place to Phil Toccock, who was promoted from first whip to huntsman, and remained in that capacity until 1860, when he went to Lord Yarborough's. He was succeeded by J. Ford, who came from the West Kent. The average subscription list at this period seems to have been from £1,200 to £1,400, but expenses appear to have considerably exceeded the receipts, and abnormal efforts were made to clear off the debts, a feat which was accomplished by the generous donations given by Messrs. Watson (£250), Hoare, Helme, Lord Lovelace, Cubitt, Murray Marshall, and Cockran, all amounting to three figures.

In 1866, the Honourable Francis Scott succeeded as Master, moving kennels from Fetcham Park to East Clandon, and hunting hounds himself for a short period, George Summers being his kennel huntsman, and Whiting his second whip. Subsequently, Summers was promoted and carried the horn, although, when at a later period, being placed *hors de combat* by an accident, the Master, on his seventieth birthday not only carried the horn, but also killed a brace of foxes and marked a third to ground.

The kennel at this period consisted of large and massive boned hounds between 24 and 25 inches, containing both dog and bitch packs, amongst which was a very dark coloured hound of more than uncertain temper, and a tan-coloured hound, Whalebone and Countess respectively, strains of whose blood is still in the kennels.

In 1876, John Barnard Hankey, of Fetcham Park, took over the

hounds, kennelling once more at Fetcham. He had a guarantee of £1,200, retaining George Summers as his huntsman and Whiting as his first whip; he remained Master for six seasons, during which time he showed some excellent sport. He retired in 1882, and was succeeded by Mr. W. Farnell-Watson, who, after only two seasons, was in turn followed, in 1884, by Colonel Pilkington Blake, who hunted hounds himself and had his kennels at Worcester Park; Whiting was his kennel huntsman and first whip.

Two seasons later Colonel Pilkington Blake retired, and was followed by, in 1886, Mr. Bennett, with kennels at Cobham. Whiting was promoted to huntsman; he, in turn, gave place later on to Holdway, whilst Enever and Gibbons, George Deighton, Thomas White, and Hackett successively held positions of first and second whips during his Mastership. The pack then consisted of eighteen couples of dog hounds and twenty-six and a-half couples of bitches. Foxes being scarce were,



SOME PROMINENT FOLLOWERS OF THE SURREY UNION IN 1890.

subsequently, freely imported, and runs of abnormal length appear to have been in vogue. Many Royalties attended the meets, and subsequently rode to hounds, including the late Prince Edward, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and the present Princess of Wales.



T. BEELEY.

In 1896-97, Mr. A. H. Tritton joined Mr. Bennett in dual control, the following season becoming sole Master, with Holdway as his huntsman, and Hackett as his first whip. In 1898-99, Mr. Labouchere became Master, with Dalton as his huntsman, and Loader and Hackett as his first and second whips. Loader was subsequently promoted to Dalton's place, Kennett becoming first whip with Hackett to assist. For the season of 1899-1900, Major Goulburn took over, with Kennett as huntsman, and Hackett as first whip. In 1900-01, Mr. G. Longman succeeded, with the same Hunt servants, Molyneux being second whip; kennels were at Great Bookham, and the pack consisted entirely of bitches. In 1904, Mr. F. Gordon Colman became Master. Hackett remained for three seasons, being succeeded by R. Lawrence from the Oakley, with S. Dunn and W. Strickland; the former was relieved in 1908 by E. Cross from the Bedale.

Mr. E. Murray assisted Mr. Colman as Joint-Master in the season of 1907-08. A familiar figure with the Surrey Union for sixteen years was T. Beeley, the one-armed runner. He had won many long distance races, and hurdles at the Crystal Palace. He was found drowned in Cobham Park Lake on June 8th, 1908.

**The
Barnard
Hankey
Family.**

Originally seated in the county of Cheshire, the family of Hankey, in the fourteenth year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, was granted the right of arms, Henry Hankey, Mayor of the city of Chester, being the recipient. Merchant princes of their day, Sir Henry Hankey, an eminent citizen and Alderman of London, had two sons, both knights, the second of whom, Sir Thomas, also an Alderman of London, married, in June, 1733, Sarah, eldest daughter of the celebrated Sir John Barnard, member in six successive Parliaments for the City of London. From this union was descended the family of BARNARD HANKEY, highly respected, and intimately connected with the history of, Surrey, their seat in that county, Fetcham Park, having been in the family for generations.

The Barnard Hankeys have been especially associated with sport in general in Surrey, and hunting has been their favourite pastime. In connection with the Surrey Union, which dates from 1799, they had quite a muster roll of Masters. The first of these good men and true was Mr. John Barnard Hankey, of Fetcham Park aforesaid, who was born March 31st, 1784, and married, in June, 1807, the second daughter of John, first Lord de Blaguiere. Hunting the country in 1811 and 1815, he again held the reins from 1831 to 1841. He was a good all-round man, and did not confine his attention to fox alone, but was also a follower of staghounds when, we presume, his duties as a Master of the Surrey Union permitted.



MR. JOHN BARNARD HANKEY.

Mr. John Barnard Hankey's daughter Mary married Colonel Holme Sumner, of Hatchlands, near Guildford, who in turn carried the horn from 1841 to 1858. Mr. Hankey's son, Captain F. Hankey, R.N., succeeded from 1858 to 1866. After the Hon. Francis Scott had put in a few years' good work, Mr. J. Barnard Hankey, grandson of our first-mentioned good sportsman, came in to make running for the family tradition once again. Mr. John Barnard Hankey, the present owner of Fetcham Park, was born on April 21st, 1815, and educated at Eton, subsequently

graduating in Arts at Merton College, Oxford. He is a J.P. for Surrey and was High Sheriff of the county in 1879. The Hon. Francis Scott had kennelled the hounds at Sandhurst Grange, his seat in Surrey and Mr. Barnard Hankey had the pack moved back to the old quarters at Fetcham, which they had previously occupied for more than half a century.

Hunting the Union country from 1876 to 1882, he gave the greatest satisfaction, as his all-round sporting proclivities made him a general favourite. Formerly a constant visitor to our race-courses, the first horse to carry his colours was, we believe, at the Newmarket October Meeting, just thirty years ago, when he was represented by a two-year-old colt very appropriately named Blondel, he being by Queen's Messenger—Melodious.

The subject of these notes and the family from which he was descended had a good deal of Scottish history attached to their record. One of his forbears was that Sir William Scott, Baron of Harden, who was knighted by James VI., and was a commissioner for the Treaty of Ripon in 1611, an M.P. for Selkirkshire, and Sheriff of that county (1617), in which capacity it pleased Oliver Cromwell to fine him £3,000.

Born in 1806, THE HON. FRANCIS SCOTT was the fourth son of Hugh Hepburne Scott of Harden, fourth Baron Polwarth, chief of the clan of Scott, representative of the Earls of Marchmont, and of the Hepburnes of Humble. Educated privately and at Trinity College, Cambridge, he was called to the English Bar of the Middle Temple. He married on July 22nd, 1835, Julia Francis Laura Boulton, niece and sole heiress of George Wyndham, last Earl of Egremont, a title which is now extinct. An active politician for a period of some twenty years, he successively

represented Roxburgh and Berwick in the House of Commons, but in 1858 he decided to retire from Parliament, and settled down at Sandhurst Grange, in Surrey, to the enjoyment of a country gentleman's life.

Bred on the banks of the Tweed, Mr. Scott had enjoyed, from his youth up, fishing, shooting, otter and badger hunting, and kindred sports of the hardy Scottish border. Beginning to hunt a pack of beagles in 1818, he was in 1862 requested by the neighbouring farmers to take the Mastership of a pack of harriers, which he consented to do in preference to their being given up, and for some



From a picture in the possession of Mr. N. E. Prier.

THE HON. F. SCOTT AND THE SURREY UNION HOUNDS.

four years showed excellent sport. There being a threat in 1866 that the Surrey Union would be disbanded unless a suitable Master came forward, Mr. Scott, upon being approached, consented to act. A curious anecdote is told of his entering into possession of the horn, the pack having got into a somewhat lax state owing to the neglect of some person or persons unknown. "I propose hunting the hounds myself," said Mr. Scott to a supporter. "Did you tell that to the subscribers?" said his friend. "No," was the reply. "Then you were a very sensible fellow," was the reply, "as you would not have obtained half the subscriptions!" This naïve comment opened our subject's eyes to the fact that he had plenty of work before him, if the pack were to be "licked into shape." Taking to the task with a will, he set his house in order, with the result that he showed a constant annual improvement. After five seasons he, unfortunately, had to discontinue hunting the pack regularly, owing to a severe bronchial attack, of the chronic order. He then engaged George Summers, a member of the well-known hunting family, who gave every satisfaction when Mr. Scott could not carry the horn himself. During the spring of 1871, Summers approached him and represented that he had been receiving letters to subscribe funds for widows of huntsmen and whips; "and how," he added, "do I know that mine may not be the next to want and not get it?" "Why don't you get up a benefit society?" was the reply. "Oh, it has often been spoken of and

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The Hon.
F. Scott
Master,
1866-76.

**The Hon.
F. Scott.**

failed, we are so scattered, and cannot do it without the Masters." Mr. Scott advised him to try again, and promised his assistance with the Masters. A Committee of Masters was appointed, Mr. Scott, of course, being a member, as were Lord Portsmouth, Colonel Anstruther Thomson, Mr. Heysham, and many other leading men. These noblemen and gentlemen framed a set of rules drafted by Mr. Scott, and to his generous inception we owe the commencement and completion of that fine charity, the "Hunt Servants' Benefit Society." Mr. Scott died on March 9th, 1881.

**Mr. T. H.
Bennett
—Master,
1886-99.**

By an exchange of lands with the Abbey of Chertsey prior to the dissolution of the monasteries by King Henry VIII., the Manor of Thorpe and Hall Place, Surrey, became vested in the Crown, and so remained until 1590. They were then granted by the "Virgin Queen" to her Latin Secretary, Sir John Wolley, who was member of Parliament for Surrey in 1592. His only son, Francis Wolley, member for Haslemere, died in 1609, having devised the estate to his cousin William Mynterne with remainder to his daughter Elizabeth Mynterne. The lady in question married Sir Francis Leigh, a member of a very old Surrey family, and who represented that county in Parliament, 1625. With the descendants of Sir Francis Leigh and his wife, Thorpe remained, until by the marriage of the two co-heiresses Mary and Anne in the years 1731 and 1737 respectively, it devolved to the families of Bennett and Spencer. Eventually a division of the Leigh estates took place; and in 1767, by virtue of a provision under the Act of Parliament, Thorpe was allotted to the Rev. Wolley Leigh Bennett, Mrs. Bennett's eldest son.

From this ancient family the late Mr. THOMAS HENRY BENNETT, of Cobham Court, was descended. In the early seventies Mr. Bennett started a pack of harriers in his native county, which were known as the Cobham Harriers; he, however, subsequently gave them up and turned his attention to fox. Hunting with the Surrey Union for some years, and always a good friend to the Hunt as well as a member, he, in 1886, was asked to succeed his friend Colonel Blake, as Master of the pack. Like numerous other hunts near London, the difficulties of management were by no means trifling, owing to the many shooting tenants of properties who were lukewarm as to the preservation of foxes, and some of them directly antagonistic. For eleven years Mr. Bennett managed to carry out the duties of office with so much tact and discretion that he was a most popular Master. This the more so, as he was a great game preserver himself, and while never neglecting his foxes, managed to induce them to live together with his pheasants. Taking a great deal of pains with his kennel, he was a good houndman, and his huntsman, William Whiten, capable both in kennel and field, ably assisted him. After a retirement for two years owing to ill health, Mr. Bennett resumed office for one season only, in 1899, being assisted therein by Mr. G. H. Longman. Unfortunately, his health again failed, and he died on September 25th, 1900. He was an all-round sportsman, and his loss was deeply regretted.

**Major H.
Goulburn
—Master,
1899-1900.**

MAJOR HENRY GOULBURN, J.P., the son of the late Colonel Goulburn, Grenadier Guards, was born in 1858. He joined the Grenadiers and served with them for twenty years; he saw active service in Egypt, and was present at the Battle of Omdhurman and the Relief of Khartoum.

His hunting began with the Surrey Union as a boy, and later on while soldiering he followed hounds in most parts of the kingdom. From 1899 to 1900 he was Master of the Surrey Union, having Kennett as his huntsman, and Hackett as whip. Apart from hunting, his favourite sports are trout and salmon fishing, and shooting.

Major Goulburn belongs to the Guards', the Carlton, and the Travellers' Clubs, and lives at Betchworth House, Betchworth.



MAJOR H. GOULBURN.

**Mr. G. H.
Longman
—Master,
1900-04.**

MR. G. H. LONGMAN, who was born at Farnborough Hill, Hampshire, in 1852, is a son of the late Mr. Thomas Longman, and was educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge. He

afterwards entered business, and is now a member of the well-known firm of publishers, Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co., of Paternoster Row.

Mr. G. H. Longman.

Mr. Longman commenced his hunting experiences with his father's pack of harriers, which he followed on a donkey. Subsequently, the harriers were disposed of. Mr. George Longman then kept a few couples of beagles, which developed as time went on, and were in turn disposed of, about 1877.



MR. G. H. LONGMAN.

Mr. Longman continued to run with beagles till he was forty-five years of age, when a serious attack of enteric fever obliged him to give up such arduous exertions. While at Eton and Cambridge, he was Master of the Eton and Trinity Beagles respectively, and on leaving the University he hunted chiefly with Mr. Garth's Hounds, and sometimes with the Cumberland. Then came a period when for fifteen years he was obliged to forego the pleasures of foxhunting, and he followed Mr. Dubourg's and the Worcester Park Beagles. In about 1892 he came to live at Epsom, and became a member of the Surrey Union Foxhounds. He accepted the Mastership in 1900, and continued to hold that position until he retired in 1904; he is still a member of the Hunt, and now resides at Bearehurst, Holmwood, Surrey.

When acting as Joint-Master of the Surrey Union for the season 1907-08, Mr. MURRAY always kept well with the hounds, and took part in the good things of the season, his tact, geniality, and courtesy made him deservedly popular with both the members of the Hunt and those over whose lands he rode; that his consideration of the latter was appreciated, was proved by the sincere welcome accorded him wherever he went, and—a more certain test still—he was always sure of a find. Mr. Edward Murray, who was born in 1869, and educated at Eton, and Oriel College, Oxford, is the son of the late Mr. Charles F. Murray, of Woodcote Hall, Epsom, and brother of the late Major Murray, who commanded the 2nd Scottish Horse, in the late South African Campaign; he had previously been acting as A.D.C. to General Penn Symonds, and was afterwards killed in action.

Mr. E. Murray—
Joint-
Master,
1907-08.

Mr. Murray began hunting in his Eton days, and when at Oxford frequently followed the Bicester, South Oxfordshire, and Heythrop, but all the rest of his hunting has been done with the various packs of Surrey, and, with the exception of a seven years' break, he has ridden to hounds since his boyhood; he has taken part in many points-to-points, and although having been placed, has never yet had the good fortune to be first past the post. Of his many good horses, Lady Unique, a black mare by Bumpions out of a dam by Brown Prince, he considers one of the best hunters he ever had.

One of the best runs in which Mr. Murray has taken part was the well-known 1908 run, from Charlwood to Turner's Hill, a nine-mile point, with only one slight check, and going hard all the time: the first part and towards the end over a good country. The hounds found their first fox at "Glovers," had fifty minutes with him, and then lost him. They then drew Mr. George Stonor's coverts, the fox getting away with the hounds close to his brush, a breast-high scent over a grass country, running to Lowfield Heath, where they had their only check, not more than a minute or two, then viewing him over the road and away by Lovell House, over the railway between Horley and Three Bridges, and through Worth Park by way of Copthorne, then right-handed over the line, not far from Rowfant Station, and they finally bowled him over in the open on



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MR. E. MURRAY.

**Mr. E.
Murray.**

Miswell Farm, Mr. Murray being one of the very few who actually saw this fox killed. Time, 1 hour 35 minutes.

A curious thing happened to Mr. Murray one day when riding with his brother; hounds were drawing a cunnon within twenty yards of him, and somebody made the remark "a blank draw," when Mr. Murray's horse literally stumbled over a fox lying in the heather, which gave them a good gallop and was then lost. Mr. Murray is a good shot and keen on trout fishing; he also plays cricket, tennis, and golf, and when at Oxford played football for his college (where he was also President of Vincent's Club).

He married the daughter of Mr. J. K. Rumford, and their two daughters inherit the sporting tastes of their parents.

**Mr. F. G.
Colman
—present
Master.**

MR. FREDERICK GORDON COLMAN, of Nork Park, Epsom Downs, who has held the Mastership of the Surrey Union Foxhounds since 1904, to the eminent satisfaction of all its followers, may be said to have his life before him, and with such good promise it is no very difficult matter to predict a successful one in the hunting world.

Born in March, 1881, he is, therefore, but twenty-seven years of age. His father, the late Mr. Frederick E. Colman, was known throughout the world as the head of the firm of J. J. Colman, Ltd., of which old established business our subject also became a member after being educated at Eton.

As is the case with most of our present-day Masters of Hounds—and it is true of the past also—Mr. Colman's initial experiences were with harriers and beagles, the former being the Brookside, and the latter the Worcester Park. The West Surrey Staghounds and the Southdown Foxhounds have also known him, prior to his taking upon himself his present duties. A lover of good horse flesh, he has had some splendid hunters, which have been most successful in the show ring, Chance, one of the Ascetic family, being one of the best. The Monk, by Dirk Hatterick, bought from Sir Humphrey de Trafford, won several prizes; Android took first and championship and many other prizes.

Shooting and fishing form his other sources of field sport, and for recreation he is devoted to cricket. He is a member of the City, Carlton, and the Gresham Clubs.

**Mr. F. H.
Williams
—Hon. Sec.**

MR. FREDERICK HUE WILLIAMS was born at Clapham, Surrey, in 1846; he has followed the Surrey Union all his life. He has during that period, of course, seen many changes in the country under different Masterships. For the last twelve years he has ably and efficiently filled the post of Secretary of the Hunt. He has also had sport in the shires. His father owned property in Melton Mowbray, where he has stayed from time to time, seizing the opportunity of hunting with the Belvoir and the Cottesmore.

Owning many good horses, Mr. Hue Williams has won several points-to-points. Dodger was first past the post in the Heavy-Weight Point-to-Point of 1906, and also of 1907, and second the two previous years. Pilot, another good horse, won the Heavy-Weight Steeplechase at Cobham in 1891.

Mr. Hue Williams is interested in most sports; he has been captain of the Cricket Club for thirty-five years, which speaks volumes for his keenness, tact and popularity, and he lives at Uplands, Leatherhead.



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MR. F. H. WILLIAMS.

**Mr. R. W.
Barclay.**

MR. ROBERT WYVILL BARCLAY was born in Surrey in 1880, and is the son of Mr. Robert Barclay, of Bury Hill, Dorking, Captain in the Surrey (Princess of Wales') Yeomanry. He was educated privately, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was a whipper-in of the Trinity Foot Beagles for two seasons. He has always hunted with the Surrey Union, which he first began to follow as a boy. Mrs. R. W. Barclay, a daughter of His Honour Judge Bray, is also an enthusiastic follower of



Mr. F. Gordon Colman,
Master of the Surrey Union Terhounds.

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hounds. Mr. R. W. Barclay's father is an extensive covert owner and fox preserver, at Bury Hill, in the Surrey Union country. Mr. R. W. Barclay is a member of the Bachelors' Club, and lives at Berry's Croft, West Humble, Dorking.

Mr. JONX BASTIX was born at South Farm, Otterton, Devon, in 1856, and began hunting with Mr. Mathew's Harriers and the Silverton Harriers. On taking up his residence in Warwickshire, where he farmed on a large scale, he followed the Bicester, Warwick, Pytchley, and Grafton. In 1892 he came to live in the Surrey Union country, and now follows this pack. Since he has been acting as agent for Mr. Salomons, of Norbury Park, his name has become well known in connection with the breeding and showing of shire horses, in which he has been exceedingly successful. His best-known horses are Norbury Harold, by Nailstone Harold—Saxon Gem, which took prizes at the Royal Counties, London, Tunbridge Wells, and Norbury; and Menestrel, by Birdsell Menestrel—Childwick Youmo, 1st and championship at the Royal Counties.



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MR. R. W. BARCLAY.

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Barclay.

Mr. H. H. GORDON CLARK, of Mickleham Hall, Mickleham, Surrey, began to attend the meets of the Surrey Union Hounds about forty years ago, and has continued to follow this pack to the present day. The Hon. Francis Scott, who was Master when he began to follow hounds, was always exceedingly kind to boys, saying, that they were those to whom the Hunt must look for support in the future. It is Mr. Clark's opinion that the Surrey Union have a better pack now than at any time since he was able to form a judgment of it.

Mr. H. H. G.
Clark.

One of the principal covert owners in the Surrey Union country, Mr. CHARLES COMBE, of Cobham Park, and Pains Hill, Cobham, furnishes practical proof of the possibility of preserving both game and foxes on the same estate. He farms nearly the whole of his property himself, and not only are his coverts a sure find, but produce excellent sport for his shooting parties.

Mr. C.
Combe.

Born in 1836, Mr. Combe is the eldest son of the late Mr. Charles James Fox Combe. He inherited his estates from his uncle, Mr. Harvey Combe. Educated privately he joined the 3rd Bombay Cavalry and served through the Indian Mutiny and Persian Campaigns with much distinction. He married, in the first place, the daughter of Captain Patrick Inglis, R.N., who died 1900, and secondly, in 1906, Alice Ethel, only daughter of J. W. Leonard, C.M.G., widow of Alexander Cushman, of Pains Hill. Mr. Combe is well known in the yachting world as the owner of the "*Dolterel*," and is a member of the R.Y.S. Club and the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

He is J.P. and D.L. for Surrey, for which county he served as High Sheriff in 1887.

The son of a well-known supporter of the hounds, Mr. F. H. CROPLEY is a keen follower of the Surrey Union. He is the secretary of the Leatherhead Agricultural Society, and lives at Foxbury, Horley.

Mr. F. H.
Cropley.

Mr. FRED. L. CROW, of Shelwood Manor, Leigh, son of the late Mr. F. E. Crow, of Somerfield, Sellinge, Kent, was born in 1859. After studying the profession of estate agent he took to farming about 1881, in Kent, where he had some 400 acres and specialized in Kent sheep. In 1900 he took Shelwood Manor and Ewood Farms, and now holds about 1,000 acres, in addition to being agent for some 15,000 acres in Surrey and Sussex. When ten or twelve years old he began following the East Kent in the late Mr. Brockman's time. He is fond of shooting and all outdoor sports, and is a consistent supporter of the Surrey Union, whose annual Point-to-Point Races are held on his farm.

Mr. F. L.
Crow.

**Mr. C. W.
Fosbery.**

The son of a well-known sportsman and hunting man in county Westmeath, and born himself in that eminently good hunting part of the kingdom, it is a matter of small wonder that Mr. CHARLES WIDENHAM FOSBERY is a staunch supporter of hunting wherever he goes. Living at present at Mickleham, Surrey, he spends most of his days in the season with the Surrey Union Foxhounds.

Born in May, 1867, the son of Captain Widenham Fosbery, the subject of these notes was initiated at a very early age into the delights of the hunting field by his father with the Westmeath. He has since followed many packs in England, notably the York and Ainsty, Bramham Moor, and Warwickshire.

In 1902, Mr. Widenham Fosbery married Miss Evans, and came to reside in Surrey. Amongst other sports he is devoted to fishing, and spends the salmon season in Scotland. He is also very fond of the gun, particularly favouring the good rough shoot, of which he has had a large experience in the Emerald Isle. He was some years in Westmeath Militia (9th Battalion Rifle Brigade), retiring as captain. A member of the New Club, he lives at Dalewood, Mickleham, Surrey.

**Mr. B. H.
H. Foster.**

MR. B. H. HYLTON FOSTER is a son of Mr. H. Hylton Foster, of Tolworth Hall, Surrey. He was born in 1879 and educated at Charterhouse, and Magdalen College, Oxford. Whilst at the latter he began hunting—the Bicester, under Lord Cottenham, the South Oxfordshire, the Heythrop, and the Oxford Drag affording the chief sources of sport. In 1902 he married Miss Hammond Smith, of Worcestershire, and settling in Surrey, has become a regular follower of the Surrey Union. He is a member of the Union Club.

**Mr. R. G.
Fothergill.**

MR. R. G. FOTHERGILL, who was born in 1876, is a son of the late Mr. George Fothergill, of The Beechwood, Newport, Monmouthshire, and was educated privately.

As a child he began hunting with the Llangibby and Lord Tredegar's, and later on he became a follower of the Heythrop. For ten years he was engaged in agriculture and mining in South Africa. After the campaign, he took Longdown Farm, Epsom, where he farms some 300 acres of arable land, and since settling down here has hunted regularly with the Surrey Union.

He considers Blackbird, whom he bought from Mr. Gorham, of Telscombe, to be his best hunter. The run,



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. R. G. FOTHERGILL.

which remains in Mr. Fothergill's memory as one of the best things he was in, was from Mr. Stoner's coverts, Charlwood, to Turner's Green, a ten-mile point.

MR. THOMAS HUMPHREY, agent of the Fetcham Park Estate, although a welter-weight is a hard man to hounds, and was well known as a straight rider in his younger days. He lives at Leatherhead.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SIR FRANCIS SIDNEY GRAHAM MOON, BARONET, who is an acknowledged exponent of the art of the dry fly, is also a well-known figure in the hunting field. He is the son of the late Rev. Sir Edward Graham Moon, the second Baronet, Rector of Fetcham, Surrey, from 1859 to the time of his death, in 1894, who was in his day a keen follower of the



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LT.-COL. SIR F. S. GRAHAM MOON, BART.

Surrey Union. The subject of these notes was educated at Eton and joined the militia in 1873, since when he has seen a considerable amount of service, the most recent being the South African Campaign.

**Mr. T.
Hum-
phrey.**

**Lt.-Col.
Sir F. S.
Graham
Moon,
Bt.**



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He began his hunting as a small boy, and was blooded with the Surrey Union about 1860, when Squire John Barnard Hankey was Master. Since then he has hunted with many different packs in all parts of the kingdom, and has owned some first-class horses; the two that are perhaps most worthy of mention are The Colonel and Wallick, the former being well known and much admired in the Quorn country. Among other sports Sir Francis is very fond of deerstalking, shooting, and yachting; he has travelled a great deal, and is, so to speak, at home in most parts of the world. Besides being a staunch Conservative, he holds important positions upon various public bodies, and is the patron of the living at Fetcham.

**Lt.-Col.
Sir F. S.
Graham
Moon, Bt.**

He is a member of the Junior United Service and other Clubs; his country home is at Ballands Hall, Fetcham. He owns also estates at Walton-on-Thames, and Leyton in Essex, as well as valuable properties in the city of London.

The family of Napper have been for many years connected with foxhunting in Sussex. DR. ALBERT ARTHUR NAPPER, of Broad Oak, Cranleigh, is the son of the late Dr. Albert Napper, whom he succeeded in his practice. He is a descendant of Mr. Henry Frederick Napper, of Lakers Lodge, to whom reference is made in the history of Lord Leconfield's Hunt. Born in January,

**Dr. A. A.
Napper.**



DR. ALBERT NAPPER.



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DR. A. A. NAPPER AND HIS SON.

1845, educated at Epsom College, being entered as a student on the day it opened, he subsequently "walked" King's College Hospital for six years, when he took his degrees and was appointed House Surgeon under Sir William Ferguson.

In boyhood he (like many other good sportsmen) was entered to hare, being taken in hand by Tom Imms, huntsman to Lord Onslow's Harriers, a pack long since disbanded. First experiences in fox came in 1856, when he followed the Surrey Union, then under the Mastership of Colonel Sumner, and on January 1st of that year received his pad.

Faithful to his first love, he could boast, if so inclined, that he has never missed a season with the pack in question since; and the same remark applies to the Chiddingfold, and to some extent to Lord Leconfield's.

The hounds at that period used to meet at Lakers Lodge, part of the Sussex property belonging then to Dr. Napper's grandfather, then to his uncle, and now to Dr. Napper.

His family, it may be mentioned, have been lovers of hunting, and Dr. Napper, while he places the chase first, is catholic in his sporting taste, and a fine specimen of the English country gentleman.

MR. PHILIP AUBREY PRICE is the son of the late Mr. Charles John Price; he was born in Surrey in 1871, and educated at Haileybury College and in Germany.

**Mr. P. A.
Price.**

Mr. P. A.
Price.

He has hunted since boyhood with numerous packs, including the Garth, the Surrey Union, the New Forest Hounds, the Devon and Somerset Stag-hounds, and several other packs. He was the founder of the Stoke D'Abernon Polo Club in 1903, and is considered quite an authority both on training polo ponies and the game itself.

Mr. Aubrey Price lives at Pound Farm, Cobham, Surrey.

Mr. N. E.
Price.

THE LATE C. J. PRICE.

John Price, who, at the time of his death, in 1895, was one of the oldest members and keenest supporters of the last-named Hunt. He had been a fine rider and an enthusiastic lover of good hound work.

Mr. N. E. Price, of Bytton Cottage, Mickleham, Surrey, was born in 1872, and educated at Haileybury and Cambridge, subsequently entering business in London,

but after ten years he found that a City life did not agree with him, and failing health forced him to relinquish it.

The family have for many years been keen sportsmen. His brother, Mr. O. T. Price, has been Master of the New Forest Deerhounds since 1901.

Mr. Price is a great polo player, being almost as enthusiastic about the game as he is about hunting.

A son of the late Mr. H. N. Ritchie, of Eastley End, Thorpe, Chertsey, Mr. EDWARD W. RITCHIE was born in January, 1866, and married, in 1894, Miss Lucy



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MR. E. W. RITCHIE.

Campbell, youngest daughter of Colonel H. Lowe Campbell, 9th Bengal Cavalry (Hodson's Horse). Both enthusiastic riders, they are regular followers of the Surrey Union, also hunting with neighbouring packs; they possess several very useful horses. Mr. Ritchie has won many points-to-points.



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MR. N. E. PRICE.

Mr.
E. W.
Ritchie.

THE CHIDDINGFOLD.

THE Chiddingfold Harriers, owned by the late Mr. J. Sadler (*obit.* 1860), were the origin of the present Hunt, and by all accounts took as large a toll of foxes as they did of hares. One season's recorded sport gives a "tally" of nineteen foxes killed out of twenty found. On the death of Mr. J. Sadler, it was decided to confine the attentions of the pack to fox only, and Mr. James Sadler, of Cherfold, accepted the Mastership, with the assistance of his brothers. An old worthy named Harry Stevens, who knew his business, took over the care and feeding of the pack at Northbridge. For twelve years the Sadler *frères* showed great sport to an appreciative countryside, and the unalterable decision of the trio to resign in 1872, and to sell the entire pack, came as a great blow to all and sundry. Mr. Thomas Sadler's untiring efforts in this country met their reward by the presentation to him at Godalming of an address and a portrait of himself mounted on a favourite hunter, with two couples of his best hounds, Ajax, Bosphorus, Dewdrop, and Pontifex.



From a picture in the possession of Dr. A. Napper, of Cranleigh.
Ajax. Bosphorus. MR. THOMAS SADLER (ON PLANTAN). Dewdrop.
Pontifex.

During the short interregnum that followed, the Hon. Francis Scott, Master at that time of the Surrey Union, paid periodical visits to this, the far edge of his country, and endeavoured to show the Masterless Chiddingfold some sport.

In 1876, Colonel (then Mr.) Charles B. Godman got together, principally from Lord Eglinton's, the Tynedale, Major Browne's, and the Hertfordshire, a capital pack which he hunted himself from his brother's place, Park Hatch, where he also kennelled the hounds. Mr. Godman came to an agreement with the then Master of the Surrey Union, Mr. J. B. Hankey, that part of the old Chiddingfold country should be given up to him (Mr. Godman), and part to Mr. R. H. Coombe, of Pierrepont, the "Devil's Punchbowl" valley to be neutral. After seven years' Mastership, during which time this country was well hunted, Mr. Godman resigned in favour of Mr. Ellis Gosling, the "Squire" of Busbridge. With Smith as huntsman, and about thirty couples of well-picked hounds (seven couples of the older ones being by Major Browne's celebrated sires, Bertram and Hector), Mr. Gosling made a good bid for success in the Chiddingfold country. In 1884, he built his own kennels at Hyde Stile, and removed hounds thither. The following year he was in possession of a really fine pack (42½ couples). He had latterly used Lord Leconfield's Barrister, Lord Macclesfield's Random, and the pick of Viscount Galway's (his brother-in-law) splendid lot. Mr. Gosling sold his pack outright at Rugby in 1886.

The next Master of the Chiddingfold was Lieutenant-General Fred Marshall, of Broadwater, who kept Smith on as huntsman, and got together rather an uneven lot of hounds, which improved, however, as time went on, and capital sport was enjoyed under his *régime* for six seasons. The General utilized the Hyde Stile kennels, and Tom Sheppard and Charles Dean (a capital man to hounds, but wanting in woodcraft) followed each other as huntsmen. The Chiddingfold country showed their appreciation of General Marshall's efforts to provide sport for them by presenting him, in 1892, with a portrait of himself in oils, by Mr. Lutyens. The General had a second Mastership of the Chiddingfold, for the year 1895 saw him back again, with Fred Payne as huntsman. The General kept the country going until his death in 1900, after a total of eleven seasons in command of the Chiddingfold. At the termination of his first Mastership, the pack was taken over by Mr. Graham Cooper, of Ockford Wood, Godalming, who surprised those Hunt members who had pronounced against his youth and inexperience by the marvellous knowledge he quickly evinced of the difficult Chiddingfold woodlands. Not even the brothers Sadler, in earlier years, had shown



From a photograph lent by Major C. F. F. F. F.

A MEET OF THE CHIDDINGFOLD AT CATTESHALL MANOR.

a more thorough knowledge of the intricacies of this country. The Master's uncle, Mr. J. Simmons, of Cherrimans, the "Father of the Hunt," was often at hand to give his nephew a useful wrinkle or two on the few occasions on which they became necessary. Charles Dean remained as huntsman for one season, and then went to the Kildare; Fred. Payne (son of the veteran Charles Payne) reigned in his stead. In 1894, Mr. Cooper resigned in favour of Mr. Gosling, who had expressed his willingness to take up the Mastership at any future time, should the necessity arise. The services of Mr. Lutyens were again requisitioned to paint Mr. Graham Cooper's portrait—a clever equestrian study—which was duly presented to that gentleman by a grateful and appreciative country. Mr. Gosling only stayed for a single season, and after him came General Sir Fred. Marshall, as has been said. Mr. Cowley Lambert took the hounds in 1900, but resigned before the season opened.

Mr. G. H. Pinckard, to whom the country owe a debt of gratitude for rescuing the pack from threatened oblivion, followed in the Mastership. He built roomy kennels and stables at his own expense upon his own property at Chiddingfold, and secured the "H.H." draft in 1901, and his pack became a useful lot, which Mr. Alfred Sadler hunted patiently, but surely, over the extensive plough, wood, and moor land that constitute the Chiddingfold country. Mr. Pinckard resigned the Mastership at the end of the season 1907-08, and was followed by Mr. H. Waechter, of Ramnest, Chiddingfold.



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MR. PINCKARD.

MR. A. SADLER.

Mr. JAMES SADLER, of Cherfold, Chiddingfold, ex-Master 1860-72, is the son of the late Mr. James Sadler, and was born October 25th, 1828. The harriers, which were the original Chiddingfold pack, had been in the Sadler family for several generations. The present Mr. James

Mr. J.
Sadler
—Master.
1860-72.

Sadler was educated at Littlehampton and Guildford, and began to hunt as soon as he was old enough to sit in a saddle. He has followed Lord Lecoufield's, Surrey Union, and Warnham Stag hounds, but is, of course, almost entirely identified with the Chiddingfold.

Of the many horses he has owned, Fallow Buck was his favourite.

Mr. James Sadler has been good enough to send us some of his reminiscences, which we give in his own words. He says:—"Some years since, in my father's time, we were drawing for a hare, and three of the hounds slipped away after a fox, unknown to any of us. They ran that fox, without any assistance, for five hours, in the large woods near Plaistow, and were there followed by some of the sporting farm men, on foot. In the evening, our old sporting doctor, Lawton, came to me with the head of this grand old fox, saying, 'Just see what your three hounds have done to-day.' One of these three, a bitch called Bounty, had whelped, and late in the season we killed a vixen, and found her three cubs, which we put with Bounty's pups, and she brought them all up. My great-grandfather, William Sadler, who died in 1821, first kept our



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MR. JAMES SADLER.

pack as harriers, and they were so kept by my grandfather, James Sadler, and by my father, James Sadler, until his death in 1860. During this time, there being no foxhounds hunting in this part of the country, we hunted fox when we happened to find one, and had some of the best sport I ever had the luck to see. One season we found fifteen foxes, and, after good runs of some hours, we killed twelve, ran two to ground, and lost one. This will tell how keen was the scent of hounds in those days. After my father's death, many of my hunting friends requested me to keep our pack on as foxhounds, and this I did, with the help of my brother, from 1860

Mr. J.
Sadler.

to 1872. Since that time they have been kept on by various Masters, but have for some years been hunted by my youngest brother, Alfred, who still continues to do so."

Mr. E. J.
Sadler
—Master.

MR. EDWIN JOHN SADLER, another son of the late Mr. James Sadler; was born in 1844, and educated at the Guildford Grammar School. When about eight or nine years old he began hunting with Lord Leconfield's Hounds, and afterwards with the Surrey Union and the Warnham Staghounds, in Squire Heathcote's time. When Mr. J. Sadler was Master, and Mr. Thomas Sadler hunted the hounds, Mr. Edwin whipped-in for him till 1872. His favourite hunter, Jimmy, carried him for thirteen seasons, was a wonderful timber jumper, and acknowledged to be one of the best horses of his time in the county. On one occasion Mr. Sadler was in the saddle from eight in the morning to eleven at night, with the exception of half an hour to give him a feed, and the following morning Jimmy was as fresh and fit as usual. Mr. Sadler is fond of shooting, and lives at Chiddingfold.



MR. E. J. SADLER.

Lt.-Gen.
Marshall
—Master,
1886-92;
1895-1900.

Born in 1830, the late LIEUT.-GENERAL MARSHALL joined the 10th Hussars in India, from which he was transferred to the King's Dragoon Guards, and became Aide-de-Camp and Master of the Horse to the Earl of Carlisle, then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

In 1886 he began his first Mastership of the Chiddingfold Hounds. Mr. Charles Godman having taken over the Crawley and Horsham country, Mr. Ellis Gosling succeeded him, but, going abroad owing to ill-health, it became necessary to find a Master. General Marshall was approached, and, Mr. Gosling being still indisposed, he agreed to take office. Mr. Gosling's representatives in this country having no power to make over the hounds, they were sold by public auction, and General Marshall set about collecting a new pack upon his own idea of what hound blood should be. Founding upon the Berkeley, he obtained the services of stallion hounds from the Brocklesby, Pytchley, and Lord Leconfield's. Almost needless is it to say that these strains formed the nucleus of a great pack. In a country by no means easy, where heather covers dangerous pitfalls, the pack had plenty to do before their foxes were accounted for. Under these by no means ideal conditions, it stands to the credit of the subject of our notes that he showed grand sport. The very difficulty of the position inspired him to a greater effort, and both of his Masterships—from 1886 to 1892, and 1895 to 1900, the year of his decease—were "marked with a white stone."

Mr. T. G.
Cooper
—Master,
1892-94.

MR. T. GRAHAM COOPER, of Ockford Wood, Godalming, who is now living at Lakers Lodge, Billingshurst, is a son of the late Mr. Thomas Cooper; he was born in 1866 and educated at Harrow and Cambridge. His first day's hunting was in March, 1875, with the Surrey Union, which hunted the Chiddingfold country for the two years' interregnum, between the Masterships of Mr. Sadler and Mr. Charles Godman (now Colonel Godman), the present Master of the Crawley and Horsham. In his early years, Mr. Graham Cooper was taken in hand by his uncle, the late Mr. James Simmons, of Shotter Mill, Haslemere, who was one of the finest old sportsmen in this part of the country; he lived to the good age of eighty-seven, hunting almost up to the time of his death.

Mr. Graham Cooper has hunted with the New Forest Foxhounds and Staghounds, with the Isle of Wight, in Mr. John Harvey's time, and with most of the principal packs of the South and West of England. In 1892 he accepted the Mastership of the Chiddingfold, and brought the pack to a high pitch of perfection. When he retired in 1894 the Hunt members showed their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf by presenting him with a portrait of himself on Blue Blood, and on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Tomlin they gave him a handsome silver bowl, together with an illuminated address. On retiring from the Mastership, Mr. Graham Cooper kindly undertook the duties of Honorary Secretary for General Sir Frederick Marshall, which he carried out from 1895 to the time of his marriage. He has had many good horses, the best of them being Blue Blood, by Blood Royal, and The Doctor.



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Mr. L. Graham Cooper and his children.

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His two children, a boy and girl, inherit their father's love of sport and promise to become as keen on horse and hound as Mr. Graham Cooper is himself.

Mr. T. G. Cooper.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. G. H. PINCKARD.

lover of the gun and the rod, has shooting and fishing in the West Highlands, is a member of the New Oxford and Cambridge Club, and lives at Combe Court, Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr. H. WAECHTER, of Ramnest, Chiddingfold, took over the Mastership of the Hounds at the beginning of the season 1908-09 on the retirement of Mr. G. H. Pinckard.

Mr. FRANCIS J. BARLOW, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Chiddingfold, a son of the Rev. John Mount Barlow, late Rector of Ewhurst, Surrey, was born May 27th, 1869, and educated at Haileybury, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, subsequently entering the legal profession. Mr. Barlow's family has long been connected with the hunting field, several of his forbears and



Mr. H. Waechter
—present
Master.

Mr. F. J. Barlow—
Hon. Sec.

MR. F. J. BARLOW.



MR. G. H. EASTWOOD.

relations having kept, or been Masters of, Hounds. He began following hounds on a Shetland pony, and hunted with Lord Leconfield's during school and college vacations. He has visited various packs, amongst them being the Percy, Ledbury, Cattistock, and the Devon and Somerset. When at Cambridge he ran regularly with the Trinity Beagles, hunting also a trencher-fed pack at home, and later on hunted the Brighton Beagles. He is a member of the United University Club, and lives at The Bourne, Godalming.

Mr. G. HERBERT EASTWOOD, the son of the late Mr. F. E. Eastwood, of Enton, Whitley, was born in 1873 and educated at Haileybury. When he was eight years old he began following the Chiddingfold, and has hunted with them



TALISMAN AND TWINKLE.
(Walked by Mr. Eastwood in 1906.)

Mr. G. H. Eastwood

ever since. He owned at one time a well-known hunter, Vixen, who carried him for two seasons,

Mr. G. H. Eastwood.

and then became the property of Mr. T. Lambert, 4th Hussars, who took her to South Africa, rode her through the campaign, and brought her home again. Mr. Eastwood has ridden in the Chiddingfold Points-to-Points, and is very keen on racing, fishing, and other sports. He is a member of the Sports Club, and lives at Whitley Manor, Braintree, Surrey.

Mr. G. Enticknap.

MR. GEORGE ENTICKNAP, son of the late Mr. William Enticknap, of Godalming, is a member of probably the oldest yeoman family in Surrey; their records date back in Chiddingfold to the twelfth century, and the Pockford Estate, until two generations back, had been in the family for centuries.

He commenced hunting when a very little boy on a pony led by his father, and has since followed the Garth and the "H.H."; all his people have been keen hunting men.

He is fond of shooting, and lives at Westover, Guildford.

Mr. W. H. L. Ewart.

MR. W. H. L. EWART, of Northbrook House, Godalming, is the only son of the late Mr. William L. Ewart. He was born on September 6th, 1881, and educated at Eton, and Trinity, Cambridge, afterwards entering the Diplomatic Service. In 1886, he began hunting on a Shetland pony, and since then has followed the Chiddingfold, Leconfield, Surrey Union, Warnham Staghounds, and some of the Midland packs. His favourite hunter, Kitty, has carried him for ten or eleven seasons. He has ridden in several points-to-points, and once won the New York Amateur Cup at Belmont Park, New York. When at Cambridge he rode in steeplechases, and won several events on an old horse, Lemoine, own brother to Friar Tuck, who ran third in the Derby.

His other sports are shooting and fishing, in which he has had a world-wide experience. He has a stuffed tarpon at home, measuring 5 ft. 9 ins., which he caught at Tampico, in Mexico. He is also fond of polo, and at Eton was a "wet-bob," having a place in the lower boats.



Photo by Lafayette.

MR. W. H. L. EWART.

Major C. Fairtlough.

MAJOR CHARLES FAIRTLOUGH, of Catteshall Manor, Godalming, son of Colonel Charles Fairtlough, was born in 1862, and, in 1907, was married to Hermione, daughter of Mr. Robert Kinglake, of Moushill Manor, Milford. Educated at Eton, and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, he began hunting when a boy with Lord Leconfield's, and afterwards with the Surrey Union and various packs in Ireland. The accompanying illustration depicts Major Fairtlough on May Bee II., one of his most famous hunters. He won the Irish Military Steeplechase at Punchestown in 1894, beating eight opponents, with Major Hughes-Onslow up.



MAJOR C. FAIRTLOUGH ON MAY BEE II.

Major Fairtlough, who still hunts him, has ridden the son of May Boy and Sprig-in-Chint for eighteen years. Another favourite is Turk, a big bay horse which has carried him for twelve seasons. He has ridden in the Chiddingfold Point-to-Point and several races in Ireland.

Mrs. Fairtlough, whose figure is well known with the Chiddingfold and neighbouring packs, is a fine rider, and very fond of the sport.

The Rev. F. H. Gooch.

THE REV. FRANCIS HARCOURT GOOCH, J.P., of Dye House, Thursley, son of the Rev. Canon William Gooch, Rector of Benacre, Suffolk, and Canon of York, was born in 1842. He was educated at

Durham, where he was captain of the eleven and stroke of the boat in 1861. At Merton College, Oxford, he won the high and long jumps in the Inter-University Sports in 1864 and 1865, and many other prizes; he rowed also during four years in the Merton eight, and played in the eleven. He married, in 1868, Catherine, only daughter of Mr. Richard Paine, of Dye House, and has four daughters and one son, who was recently A.D.C. to Sir West Ridgeway, Governor of Ceylon, and winner of many cups for racing and polo.

The Rev. F. H. Gooch.



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Mr. F. H. Gooch, who has hunted all his life, and is a covert owner and preserver of foxes, has in the last thirty years seldom missed a summer's fishing in Norway.

Mr. CHARLES H. H. LUTYENS, of Thursley, Godalming, poet and well-known painter of sporting subjects, is the son of the late Mr. Charles Lutyens, of Southcot House, Reading. He served in the old 20th Regiment for twelve years, and received the thanks of the

Mr. C. H. H. Lutyens

commander-in-chief in general orders for his invention of the stadiometer. Since his retirement, he has painted many celebrated pictures of huntsmen, horses, and hounds, and life-size portraits.

He commenced hunting as a boy with Colonel Blagrove, of Calcot Park, Reading, and was Master of the Montreal Hounds for a year and a-half, taking over the pack at the age of twenty-one. For the last thirty years he has been busy painting, but has seen capital sport with neighbouring packs.



MR. C. H. H. LUTYENS.

Mr. GEORGE MARSHALL, of Broadwater, Godalming, the Deputy Master of the Hunt, is the son of Mr. Murray Marshall, and was born in 1850. Educated at Weybridge and Rugby, he subsequently "finished" abroad. He began hunting when only six years of age, first lessons being with Lord Leconfield's. The Essex, Essex Union, Crawley and Horsham, and Surrey Union followed, and he still hunts with Lord Leconfield's and the Chiddingfold. He has had, and still possesses, many good

Mr. G. Marshall

hunters, perhaps the best of these being Grey Friars and Brilliant. He hunted a pack of staghounds in Natal in 1880, as became a member of a great hunting family. His uncle, General Sir Frederick Marshall, K.C.M.G., was Master of the Chiddingfold for several years. His brother, the late Mr. Bryant Marshall, acted as Honorary Secretary during the Mastership of Mr. C. B. Godman, and another brother, Mr. Murray W. Marshall, was Secretary during the Mastership of General Marshall. Further, his brother-in-law, Mr. C. D. Heatley, was Treasurer during the Mastership of his uncle, the General.



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MR. G. AND MISS MARSHALL.

The subject of these notes has a daughter and son, who both follow his worthy example as

Mr. G.
Marshall.

regards the chase. Miss Olive Marshall, the elder of the twain, a very good and bold rider, has hunted some seasons, and, as she began to ride at the age of three, one might almost say was "born in the saddle." Her brother, *at* seventeen, is also a good performer, and man enough to take a line of his own in the hunting field.

Mr. M.
Marshall.

MR. MURRAY MARSHALL, of Springwood, Godalming, a former captain of the All England Rugby Team, is the son of the late Mr. Murray Marshall; he was born in 1853, and educated at Wellington College. In 1862 he started hunting with the Surrey Union, other packs he has followed being Lord Leconfield's and the Warnham Staghounds. He was Secretary for fifteen years to the Chiddingfold, and was instrumental in starting the Hunt Club, which purchased the hounds when Mr. Gosling resigned, lending them to the country until the beginning of 1908, when the members gave them over to the present Master, under certain conditions. His favourite hunters were Richard Rawle and Griffith; the latter carried him for ten seasons.



MRS. MURRAY MARSHALL ON PATIENCE.

Mrs. Murray Marshall, who is one of the best-known horsewomen in the county, is fond of riding young horses, and is generally among those first away.

Mrs. F.
Marshall



THE LATE MAJOR W. G. MARSHALL.

MRS. FLORENCE MARSHALL, widow of the late Major Wilfred Marshall, who was the son of General Marshall, formerly Master of the Chiddingfold, as referred to in the history of the Hunt, has all her life derived a keen pleasure from the chase. The daughter of the late Mr. Graham-Menzies, of Hallyburton, Forfarshire, it was actually in Scotland that she had her first lessons. On her marriage with Major Marshall in 1892, she became a constant attendant with the Chiddingfold and neighbouring packs, and later hunted in the Midlands with the Quorn, Cottesmore, and Belvoir.

Mrs. Marshall lives at 27, Chesham Street, Eaton Square.

Mr. R. H.
Mellersh.

MR. ROBERT HENRY MELLERSH, eldest son of the late Mr. Robert Edmund Mellersh, of Godalming, banker and solicitor, was born on March 7th, 1861, and educated at Brighton College, which he represented in cricket, football, and fives. He is Lord of the Manor of Hambledon, Surrey, and owner of the Hambledon and Sydney Manor estates. He is on the Committee of the Chiddingfold Hunt, a member of the Cheriton Otterhounds and the Surrey County Cricket Club.

In March, 1894, he married Eva Marion, a daughter of the late Dr. Whately, of Brighton, and has two children, a son and a daughter. He began to ride when quite a child, and soon became an ardent follower of the Chiddingfold and Lord Leconfield's Hounds; he has since hunted with a great number of packs all over England. He has ridden in several point-to-point races. His favourite horses were Tommy, Miss Edith, who carried him for several seasons, and Ruby, whom he rode for five. His coverts at Hambledon always hold foxes, and for many years they have not



MR. R. H. MELLERSH.

been drawn blank. He is keen on shooting, coursing, fishing, and cricket, and resides at Rallywood, Godalming. *Mr. R. H. Mellersh.*

MR. JOHN CHARLES MOTT, the son of Mr. John Mott, and grandson of the late Mr. John Mott, of Portswood Park, was born in 1858. *Mr. J. C. Mott.*

In about 1880 he began to hunt with the Chiddingfold, and has also followed the Surrey Union, Lord Leconfield's, and the Warnham Staghounds. He enters for the Chiddingfold Points-to-Points, and his best horses have been Brigadier, by The General; Bantam, who carried him for eighteen seasons; and Chester H., by Chester, dam by Lothario.

MR. FREDERICK A. ROBERTS is the son of Mr. Charles Roberts. He was born in 1848, educated privately, and commenced hunting with the Chiddingfold when he was seventeen. He has since then followed, besides others, Lord Leconfield's (for three generations of ownership), the Duke of Beaufort's, Lord Fitzhardinge's, and the "V.W.H." On one occasion, when hunting with the Duke of Beaufort's, he was the witness of an occurrence which may be responsible for that delightfully humorous incident in *Peter's Pedigree*. During the run the hounds changed from fox to sheep-dog, and had a rattling spin until the dog had had enough of it, and "went to earth" in a barn; then, and not till then, was the huntsman enabled to come up with his hounds and whip them off. Mr. Roberts' favourite sports, other than hunting, are shooting and golf; he lives at Home Close, Grayswood, Haslemere. *Mr. F. A. Roberts.*

THE OLD CHARLTON.

SUSSEX has ever been a hunting county, from the time that the half-brother of William the Conqueror, Robert Earl de Moreton, was Lord of Pevensey. It is not our intention to refer to this, nor to the time when the Percy family and the Dukes of Somerset were Lords of Petworth. At Dainley, behind the present Goodwood estate, on the borders of Charlton Forest, the Fitzalans, Earls of Arundel, had a hunting seat, and two of them died there, Earl Thomas in 1525, and Earl William in 1551. Queen Elizabeth also shot deer at Cowdray with her crossbow.

The stag is not our theme, however—we turn to possibly the earliest record of foxhunting in the vicinage. It takes the form of a letter, written by Sir William Thomas to his friend, Sir William Wilson, of Bourne Place (now Compton Place, Eastbourne), *temp.* Charles II. Sir William Thomas was member for the county.

“Sir,

“I designe to hunt the fox at Bourne to-morrow, but if there be not people to watch the cliffs, and to be there about three o’clock in the morninge to prevent their going downe, I can doe no good with them. I desire, therefore, that you would be pleased to order some persons to watch the cliffs, and to stop the earths that are nere you. I will be there, God willing, by six o’clock in the morninge, when I should be glad to have the happiness of your good company. This comes from, Sir, your faithfull friende, and humble servant,

“WILLIAM THOMAS.”

In an account of the Judges’ progress to Chichester, 1749, they are described as being entertained by the Duke of Richmond, at his hunting house *near Charlton*. There is no mention of *Goodwood*. As long as the fox had been regularly hunted, there was doubtless a meet at Charlton. The unfortunate Duke of Monmouth, natural son of Charles II., who finished his career on the scaffold by order of James II., was extremely fond of Charlton, saying jestingly, “When I am King, I will keep my Court at Charlton”; and upon one occasion, he was so entertained there, even touching for the “King’s evil,” that Bishop Carleton thought it necessary to apologize to the Metropolitan for the apparent want of loyalty to the reigning King. Two packs of foxhounds were kept at Charlton, one belonging to Monmouth, the other to Lord Grey, and both under the Mastership of Mr. Roper, a Kentish gentleman, who possessed a great knowledge of hounds and hunting. Upon the unfortunate attempt of Monmouth to seize the throne, Mr. Roper fled to France, but on the accession of William III., returned to Charlton, which became the rendezvous of the *élite* of the land, from Royalty downwards. The Earl of Burlington, the “Vitruvius” of his day, designed a banqueting room in which the votaries of Diana might feast after the chase. This building, which was the gift of Henrietta, Duchess of Bolton, who loved the chase as much as her father, Monmouth, was called “Foxhall,” from the gilt figure of a fox surmounting a tall flagstaff in front of it. St. Victor came from France, and his country, and Germany, sent noblemen and gentlemen to Charlton, and half the aristocracy of England were also there, a fact which so annoyed the “proud” Duke of Somerset, then owner of Petworth, that, accustomed to be paramount in West Sussex, he enquired of his neighbour, Sir William Goring, whose hounds they were so frequently coming near his house, and on being told “The Charlton, Mr. Roper’s,” cried out, “Who is he? Where’s his estate? What right has he to hunt this country? I’ll have hounds of my own!” He had the stables and kennels built at Twines, afterwards used as racing stables by Lord Egremont. The Duke, however, ultimately gave away his hounds, and left the field to the Charlton. The old Squire Roper died in harness, aged eighty-four years; he having, in April, 1715, ridden with the

hounds to Findon, and as the pack found, fell from the saddle at the "Gone away" whoop. He was picked up lifeless. The hounds thus became the sole property of the Duke of Bolton, but his second Duchess, Lavinia Fenton (the original "Polly" of the "Beggar's Opera"), becoming too great an attraction, he gave the hounds to the second Duke of Richmond, who, assisted by Earl De-la-Warr and the redoubted huntsman Tom Johnson, did things *en règle*. Every morning 100 horses were led out, each by an attendant groom in the Charlton livery of blue, with gold cord and tassels to their caps. Lords and ladies flocked to Charlton as before. The Duke, in 1732, built the house, still remaining, where he and the Duchess always slept for the meets at 8 a.m. The walls of the principal room were ornamented with hunting pictures. After the death of the second Duke, the Hunt gradually fell away, until, on the fourth Duke going to Ireland as Lord-Lieutenant, the hounds were presented to George IV., but symptoms of madness showing, they had to be destroyed.

So ended the glories of the Charlton Hunt. Foxhall was pulled down, and the residences of the various noblemen disappeared, the country having reverted to the family of which Lord Leconfield is the present representative. As regards the great fox-chase still talked of in Sussex, Mr. T. J. Bennett, to whose curious pamphlet we are much indebted for invaluable information regarding the Charlton Hunt, says, "The following narrative is copied from an old MS., framed and hung up in an ancient farm-house in Fullington, nearly illegible from age:—

“ ‘A Full and Impartial Account of the Remarkable Chase at Charlton on Friday,
26th January, 1738.

“ ‘It has long been a question in the hunting world to what particular country or set of men the superiority belonged. Prejudice and partiality have the greatest share in their dispute, and every society their proper champion to assert their pre-eminence and bring home the trophy to their own country. Even Richmond Park has the Dymoke. But on Friday, the 26th Jan’y, 1738, there was a decisive engagement on the plains of Sussex, which, after ten hours’ struggle, has settled all further debates, and gives the brush to the gentlemen of Charlton.’ ”

LORD LECONFIELD'S PACK.

HOUNDS have been kept at Petworth ever since hunting was first started, but the earliest records regarding this family pack date from the Mastership of George O'Brien, Earl of Egremont, who had a famous huntsman named Luke Freeman. Lord Egremont died in 1837, and on his death the country was divided. Colonel George Wyndham (afterwards Lord Leconfield) hunted the hills and kept his hounds a good deal at Drove, close to Goodwood race-course, while his younger brother, General Sir Henry Wyndham, had his pack at Sladiland, close to Petworth, from which he hunted the Weald.

In 1840, Sir Henry Wyndham's pack was given up, and in due course Colonel Wyndham took over the Petworth portion of the district and formed the Petworth country as it exists now. Colonel Wyndham was made Lord Leconfield in 1859, and died in 1869.

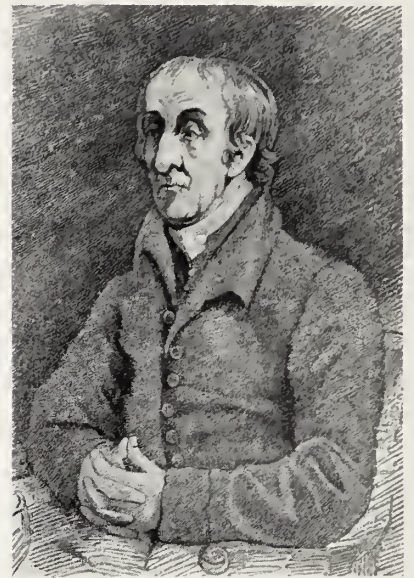
His son, Henry, second Lord Leconfield, became Master in his place; he hunted the whole of his father's, together with what is known as the Findon country. In 1872 he gave up the latter portion, lending it to the Crawley and Horsham, but reserving to himself and his successors the right to reclaim it if required. This arrangement holds good up to the present day.

In 1883 he relinquished the Goodwood side to the Duke of Richmond, and continued to hunt the country north of Petworth, reducing his hunting days from four a week to three.

He died in 1901, and was succeeded by his son, the present Master. The Goodwood Hounds had come to an end in 1893, and the country, for the most part, had remained unhunted, but in 1905 the present Lord Leconfield added again to his territory that portion which lies between Midhurst and Petersfield, and in 1907 he further increased his boundaries by taking back the whole of the Goodwood country, the hunting days being increased to five or six a week.

Since the days of Lord Egremont three famous huntsmen have been employed at Petworth. The first of these was Luke Freeman aforesaid, huntsman to Lord Egremont; the second, Squires, who hunted the first Lord Leconfield's hounds for some twelve seasons. He was a man with a most marvellous voice and a remarkable huntsman. Perhaps he was hardly what one would call a gentleman's servant; he was, however, forgiven much on account of his capabilities. The third and most famous of the three was Charles Shepherd, who succeeded Squires, and hunted the hounds at Petworth for thirty-four years. He was a splendid horseman, and a very courteous and excellent servant. As a huntsman he was certainly quite at the top of the tree, and had it been his lot to hunt hounds in the Midlands he would have had a great name. He killed his last fox at the age of seventy-nine, and died at the age of eighty-six.

Under the present *régime* Lord Leconfield hunts the two bitch packs and his huntsman the dogs. The late Lord Leconfield was strongly of opinion that a stoutly-built hound was the most suitable for the Sussex hills and ploughs, and sires were used from the more cold-scenting countries, such as the Essex Union (then known as Mr. Dan Scratton's). For more than thirty years hounds had been well and carefully bred, and there was proof positive of the existence of a really good pack of hounds at Petworth up to less than twenty years ago. The pedigrees show an immense amount of thought and hound lore on the part of the late Lord Leconfield and his satellite, Charles Shepherd. The present Master may, perhaps, be considered as going in more for a workmanlike hound than a Peterborough winner, but his Lordship still has a lot of the best Warwickshire blood in kennel, per Trojan, who is by Lord Willoughby de Broke's Talisman, and Galloper, by the Warwickshire Ganger Cheerful. Galloper looks like proving a veritable corner-stone of Lord Leconfield's pack



TOM GRANT.
(Huntsman at Goodwood about 1820.)

to future generations. John Olding, the huntsman to Lord Leconfield's hounds, was previously first whip in the late Master's day during five seasons. He has been in his present position for seven years.

That Sir William Wyndham, who married the daughter of the "proud" Duke of Somerset, was the progenitor of the Earls of Egremont and Lords Leconfield. A notable politician, he was also a sportsman, and became Master of the Buckhounds under Queen Anne in 1710. From him our subject, THE THIRD EARL OF EGREMONT AND BARON COCKERMOUTH, SIR GEORGE O'BRIEN WYNDHAM was descended. Born December 18th, 1751, he succeeded his father August 21st, 1763, and acted as Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Sussex for a period. One of the greatest sportsmen of his day, he first won the Derby with Assassin in 1782, and subsequently with Hannibal, Cardinal Beaufort, Election, and Lapdog. The Oaks saw him successful with Nightshade in 1788, Tag, Platina, Ephemera, and Caroline. Anything like an enumeration of smaller events which fell to his share would be far beyond the limits of our space, suffice it to say their name was legion.

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Egremont.

His ancestor, the "proud" Duke of Somerset, kept hounds at Petworth, and it is generally conceded that the present Lord Leconfield's pack are directly descended from those kept by the Duke and the Earls of Egremont. The subject of this memoir, it may be remarked, kept hounds for forty or fifty years. In 1773 he purchased the celebrated pack belonging to Sir Thomas Gascoigne with a view to improving his hounds, and with them hunted a vast tract of country. Notable riders galore followed the pack, among them Lord Robert Spencer, Mr. Poyntz, Lord Gage, and others. Mrs. Dorrien, formerly Miss Le Clerc, a famous equestrienne, who was said never to have refused a fence in her life, was one of the number. Finding his hunting establishment becoming too extensive, Lord Egremont had, in 1800, to reduce it, and gave a portion of the pack to the then Duke of Richmond, who had permission to choose whatever hounds he liked. Luke Freeman, a celebrated huntsman, bred in Yorkshire, was then acting for the Earl. The following is what *The Sporting Magazine* has to say on the happenings of the occasion:—"The pack was sent to the seat of the noble Duke at Goodwood, where Freeman attended by the special invitation of his Grace. The hounds were hunted and examined, but the Duke could not decide which were the best. Perhaps Luke was not very communicative on the subject, and preferred leaving matters in abler hands. It was in vain that he went to bed comfortable every night; he knew but little of the merits of the hounds in the morning! The old huntsman continued at Goodwood for a fortnight, at the expiration of which time the Duke said to him, 'Well, Mr. Freeman, I have tried the hounds, and you may select the youngest and the best of them and leave me the rest.' This was just what the old boy wanted, so he lost no time in making the necessary selection, and prepared to leave Goodwood. Meanwhile, the Duke had ridden round to the Park gate, through which Freeman was to pass, and meeting him as he approached it observed, 'So, Mr. Freeman, you have got all the youngest and the best hounds?' 'Yes; please your Grace, all the youngest and best!' 'Then you will just be good enough to conduct them back to my kennel,' rejoined the Duke, 'and you can take the remainder.' Luke felt he had been done, but good humouredly turned about."

The Earl died at Petworth Hall, his seat in Sussex, on November 11th, 1837, in his eighty-sixth year, and was succeeded by his nephew, Captain Francis Wyndham, R.N., who dying without issue, the title became extinct. The venerable peer's death threw many noble families into mourning, notably those of Carnarvon, Romney, Porchester, and Marsham.

Among many instances of his liberality, it is recorded that a certain venerable and respected nobleman becoming embarrassed, a subscription was opened for him at White's. Lord Egremont, upon being applied to, gave an indefinite answer, but a few days after he called on the treasurer, and, putting a cheque for £10,000 into his hand, said, "There, put my name down for £500, and say nothing about the rest!" Upon another occasion he said to a much-involved Brighton physician: "How is it I hear so much of your debts and difficulties? Here, take this," handing him £1,000, "pay your debts and let me hear no more of these things."

Luke Freeman, whose humorous duel of wits with the Duke of Richmond we mentioned above, was left in charge of that part of the pack which he had endeavoured to get rid of. This was during the schooldays of George, afterwards Colonel Wyndham. When that gentleman was old enough to

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Egremont.

hunt the pack he took over the management, and in 1819 they became known as Colonel George Wyndham's to distinguish them from those kept by his brother, Colonel Henry (afterwards General) Wyndham. In this connection, "I have reason to believe," says "Nimrod," "the county of Sussex produces the only instance in the sporting world of two brothers, each keeping a pack of foxhounds, but so it is." Colonel Wyndham's were most fashionable fixtures, as the writer in one of his sporting tours went to Sussex in 1821, and then describes a meet at Newtunber House on the London road, six miles from Brighton. "Colonel Wyndham's fixture was for eleven, and about twenty minutes before our grandfather's dinner hour the hounds arrived, and by the time they were in their second bottle we found our fox. They came up at a brisk trot and appeared by the horses as if they had not let the grass grow under their feet on their road from the kennel, the distance from which was about nine miles. They retired into a small field by the side of the road whilst Colonel Wyndham changed his horse, and then proceeded to draw. The Colonel was mounted on a very clever Octavius mare, and his two whippers-in rode two thoroughbred ones. In short, if I may be allowed the expression—all looked well bred together. There was one of the largest fields ever known in Sussex, upwards of two hundred horsemen being present. From the great reputation this pack of hounds



A RUN WITH GENERAL WYNDHAM'S HOUNDS.

has acquired—from the pace they carry a scent over a light country, and the great pains they have taken in breeding them—I was very anxious to have a sight of them. On this day, however, I had little time to look them over, but I saw they were formed for sport, not deficient in power, and abounding in good form and symmetry, though not exceeding, generally, twenty-two inches in height. There was one hound which instantly caught my eye as above their standard, and on asking the whipper-in his name, he told me it was Conqueror. I afterwards found it was no misnomer, for when he had killed his fox he carried home his head as a trophy in spite of all attempts to make him drop it. I afterwards saw a brother to him (Calaban), a very fine hound, but I understood not so true on his line.

"It has always been supposed that gentlemen huntsmen are the best. Perhaps it may be on the principle that those are not fit to command who have not been accustomed to obey. Having heard much of Colonel Wyndham's performance, I was anxious to witness it, so followed him in drawing through many rough coverts. I was much pleased with the quiet manner of himself and his men. When we did find, only seven or eight out of this large field got away with the hounds, and from the severity of the pace and the extreme depth of the country—some of it approaching to bog—catching them was out of the question. They, however, caught their fox at the end of 1 hour 20 minutes, just as he had reached an earth and was on the point of creeping up a bank to enter it,

when he fell back among the pack and was killed. Colonel Wyndham rode very well to hounds, and his cheering halloo to them in chase would make an old man's heart feel glad."

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Egremont.

In 1839 there was a prolonged dispute between the two brothers, George, the Colonel, and Henry, Colonel, afterwards General, as to the division of the country. Much paper warfare ensued; many pamphlets were printed, and a good deal of acerbity exhibited on both sides. We shall not attempt to go into the merits of this dispute, which agitated the hunting world of the day. It must suffice to say, therefore, that in consequence of it, General Wyndham, the younger brother, gave up his hounds.

In a letter dated April 10th, 1847, for the perusal of which we are indebted to Dr. A. A. Napper of Broad Oak, Cranleigh, the late Mr. JOHN NAPPER, writing to Mr. Henry Napper, mentions that having been requested by several friends to start a pack of hounds in the Ifold district, he had consented to do so provided he had the approval and support of the landowners and farmers residing in the country. He further mentions that General Wyndham, who had been staying with him, had expressed an opinion that he would be successful in an application to Mr. Henry Napper for permission to hunt over his estate; he also announced his intention of keeping the hounds at his own expense and hunting the country twice a week, or oftener, if he found plenty of foxes. In his reply, Mr. Henry Napper not only gave the required permission, but added that he was "happy to find we have a gentleman who has the means and spirit to hunt the country." It was this pack which gave the splendid run referred to in *Bell's Life*, which we print below.

Mr. J.
Napper.

"TO ALL LOVERS OF FOX-HUNTING.

"The following, copied from *Bell's Life*, is an account of what is acknowledged to be THE BEST RUN ever known in England. It took place on the 9th Feb., 1849, with John Napper's, Esq. Hounds at Ifold, Sussex; WILLIAM SUMMERS, Huntsman, George Champion, Whipper-in.

"The Meet was at Stover's Hill, with a good Field, including Colonel Sumner, the Master of the Surrey Union Fox Hounds. The Hounds were first thrown into High Loxley Gorse, and before they had half-drawn it, Tally-ho! was the signal, that a Fox had stolen away. Summers was quick out, but unfortunately the Pack took heel way, and ran him back to the Kennel he had just left. They immediately found out their mistake, and a very pretty sight it was to see them fly back and catch up the scent, as if determined to fetch up their lost ground. They flew away though the Enclosures to Dunsfold Common, leaving Dunsfold Village on the left, to Hascomb Hill. Up to this point the Pace was tremendous. Our gallant Fox had but just reached the Hill in time to save himself, for he was so blown that, had it not been for the Gorse on the Hill, he must have lost his brush here; but he threaded the Gorse till he got an opportunity to slip out through a hanging Plantation towards Wintershall, and again got a good start; and here the scent was not so good, on the Hills, but still the Hounds stuck to him to Goose Green and Shamley, within five miles of Guildford. He then crossed the Canal and the Old River that runs side beside from Guildford to Lockwood, five or six times, till they reached Loxwood, near the Ifold Kennels. This dodging of his, in crossing and recrossing the water, helped him, so that he had got from twenty to twenty-five minutes a-head of the Hounds; but he went through some Gorse Covers at the back of Loxwood, and Summers very cleverly casting his Hounds round the outside hit him off. This saved a quarter of an hour, and they set to at him again in good earnest through Songhurst Covers, and then through Bull Ham to Tissman's, and then over the Common to

Rudgewick Village, leaving it on the right, to Baynard's Castle, through the Park, to Ewhurst Village.

"Here our gallant Fox was likely to get in trouble; for he leaped the Fence into the garden of the Rev. Barlow, the Rector of Ewhurst, and it was only the good-nature and sportsman-like act of the Gardener that saved his life here; for had he not opened the gate and let him out he must have been pounded, for the Fences were higher out than in. He went on still sinking the wind to Ropsley, and then over Hurtswood Common, leaving Leigh Hill Monument on the right to Pitlands and Parkhurst, and then on to Chordhurst, leaving Bury Hill on the left, over the Dorking and Horsham road to Dorking Glory, where this excellent Pack run from scent to view, and killed the stoutest Fox that ever wore a brush. Dorking Glory is a Cover overhanging the Town of Dorking.

"From the find to the Kill occupied four hours and fifty minutes; and the ground run over, by Map, was forty-five miles, through from twenty-two to twenty-four Parishes. Only nine Horses reached the end of this extraordinary run, including those ridden by the Master, his Huntsman, Whipper-in, E. Napper, Esq. Barlow, Esq. Thurlow, Esq. of Baynard Castle.

"This gallant Fox was found in Surrey, ran into Sussex. The line he ran was twenty-two miles from Sussex to where he was killed—he was a very large Greyhound Dog-Fox. During the greater part of this run the Pace was good, but at times the scent was indifferent. Too much cannot be said in praise of Summers, our Huntsman, for his perseverance in this trying and extraordinary run.—See *Bell's Life*."

Lord
Leconfield
present
Master.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE CHARLES HENRY WYNDHAM, THIRD BARON LECONFIELD, was born at Coates House, in Sussex, on February 17th, 1872. The eldest surviving son of the second Baron and Lady Constance Primrose, sister of the fifth Earl of Rosebery, Lord Leconfield succeeded his father on his death in 1901. Educated for the Army, he served six years with the 1st Life Guards (1894-1900), and has, since his succession to the title and estates at Petworth, been Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the Sussex Imperial Yeomanry. In 1900, shortly after the outbreak of the South African War, he went out to the front, and was invalided home.

Lord Leconfield, on the death of his father, immediately took over the management of the family pack of foxhounds, a task for which long experience had eminently fitted him, for he had hunted with them since the age of eight, under his father's Mastership; he has since devoted much time to the improvement of the breed in his kennels. The seventy-five couples he strengthened from Atherstone and Milton sires, as reference to the history will show; and the pack now consists of ninety-seven and a-half couples.

Such is the zeal of his Lordship for the furtherance of hunting, that on the resignation of Mr. J. F. Jefferson, Master of the West Cumberland in 1908, he took over the control of those hounds, as well as his pack in Sussex, which is by no means an easy country to hunt.

He owns another estate, Cockermouth Castle, in the former country.

Lord Leconfield has been a Justice of the Peace for Sussex since 1897, and for Cumberland since 1905.



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THE REV. H. A. ACHESON-GRAY.

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THE REV. HERBERT ACHESON ACHESON-GRAY, the son of Mr. Acheson-Gray, of Morton House, King's Worthy, Winchester, was born in 1867, and educated at Sherborne, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, from whence he took his B.A. in 1891, and eventually his M.A. degree in 1895. He then took Holy Orders, and had his first curacy in Northamptonshire.

He has hunted at odd times from very early days, but did not begin to follow hounds regularly till 1895, when he hunted with the Crawley and Horsham, the Chiddingfold, the Hambledon, and the Devon and Somerset Staghounds.

One of his best horses was Radford, who carried him for eight seasons, his present favourite being Hercules.

Mr. Acheson-Gray is fond of cricket, and keen on all out-door sports. He lives at Stoughton, Emsworth, Sussex. Next to hunting, his favourite pursuit is motoring.



THE HON. F. W. A. E. AGAR, ON HERO.

The Hon.
F. W. A.
E. Agar.

THE HON. FRANCIS WILLIAM ARTHUR ELLIS AGAR is the fourth son of the third Lord Normanton, and brother of the present Earl. He was born in 1873, and educated at Winchester, afterwards studying engineering, going for two years to the London and South-Western Locomotive Works at Nine Elms. In 1897 he married

Laura Astley, daughter of Mr. Henry S. Kennard, of Shopwyke House, near Chichester.

Mr. Agar began hunting when a boy of eleven on Spider, a well-known racing pony in Northamptonshire, which ran in all the pony races, and pulled most of them off. Since those early days he has seen most of his sport in the New Forest, and has also followed the old Cranborne



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The third Baron Leconfield, M.P.

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Hounds, when his brother, the late Viscount Somerton, was Master; then the Goodwood; he now follows Lord Leconfield's. An extraordinary run for harriers took place when he was hunting Lady Gifford's pack while she was in South Africa. On March 21th a small field met at Hundred Stedde, Birdham, and found at the back of the East Withering Coastguard Station. They ran by Church Farm across to Holdens, past Earnley Church, then to the sea, turning left-handed up to Ham and back to Easton, through the grounds at Highleigh to Siddlesham, and on to Mr. Alford Harris' farm, then turning left-handed again, the hare headed for Mr. Vine's, swimming the canal 200 yards below Birdham Bridge, and on to Salteras Copse, and from there she ran along the top of the embankment, swimming the canal three times during the run, but she could do no more, and this good hare was run into as she was going up the opposite bank. This run lasted two hours over a stiff ditch and bank country, and was fast throughout, both horses and hounds having had quite enough by the time it was over.



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CAPTAIN O. BARWELL.

The Hon.
F. W. A.
E. Agar.

**Capt. O.
Barwell.**

CAPTAIN OSBORNE BARWELL, of Barkfold House, Billingshurst, Sussex, formerly in the Indian Army, is a Mutiny veteran. He also



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MISS M. R. BARWELL.

served in the Second Burmese War, and acted as Brigade-Major to General Sir Henry Havelock during the Crimean War. The son of the late Captain Osborn Barwell, Royal Dragoons, he was born in September, 1829.

On leaving the Service some five-and-forty years ago he took up his residence at Barkfold, and has hunted with Lord Leconfield's Hounds ever since. Mrs. Barwell, a very graceful and capable horsewoman, is a well-known figure in the Hunt, although she does not go out so frequently as in former years. Her two daughters, Miss Muriel and Miss May Barwell, are very keen riders to hounds, with excellent seats and exceptional hands.

Captain Barwell is a good whip, and has a fine lot of horses in his stables. He never enters his hunters for points-to-points or steeplechases, considering

that racing spoils them for work in the field. He is a member of the East India United Service Club.

Although Mr. C. E. CRABBE has followed many packs of hounds in this country since his initiation to the Old Surrey when quite a youngster, it is with Lord Leconfield's Petworth Hunt that he is best known. Born in 1878, he is the son of the late General Crabbe, C.B., of the Grenadier Guards, who sent his son to Harrow for his education, and thence to Australia to study the business of horse and cattle-rearing. Eventually Mr. Crabbe gained a commission in the Highland Light Infantry, and went through the Boer War from 1899 to 1901. A mare named Peppermint, by Butterscotch, half-sister to Shamon Lass, a one-time winner of the Grand National, was owned by Mr. Crabbe, as also were The Crofter, Hawkstone, and Ballyhooley, while Royal Drake captured the "blue riband" as a four-year-old hunter at the Dublin Show of 1904.



MISS M. BARWELL.

**Mr. C. E.
Crabbe.**

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Crabbe**

Mrs. Crabbe is just as keen a foxhunter as her husband, and mounted on *The Count* is very capable of holding a good place in the field. Mr. Crabbe lives at Petworth, Sussex, but has two other country seats, at Bassett, Southampton, and Sherborne, Dorsetshire. He plays polo, has shot big game, and belongs to the Wellington Club.

**Mr. A. H.
Bostock.**

An all-round sportsman, Mr. ARTHUR H. BOSTOCK was captain of the Radley College football team in 1891, and was also both in his school and hospital cricket elevens. He won Lady Gifford's Point-to-Point in 1907 on *Speckles*, and in the same year took prizes in the show ring, jumping with *Jack-in-the-Box*. He is the son of Mr. Alfred Stileman Bostock, and was born in 1877, and educated primarily at Radley. He afterwards studied at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and entered the medical profession. Mr. Bostock lives at 10, Southgate, Chichester.



MR. A. H. BOSTOCK.

**Mr. L. L.
Con-
stable.**



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. L. L. CONSTABLE AND MISS CONSTABLE.

are devoted to hunting, and Miss Constable with her good hands is often to be seen in the first flight with her father. He is the owner of a pack of foot beagles, which he hunts himself.

**Mr. T. G.
Cooper.**

MR. T. GRAHAM COOPER, of Lakers Lodge, Billingshurst, is an ex-M.F.H. of the Chiddingfold, in which Hunt a full description of him is given. Lakers Lodge being situated in Lord Leconfield's country, Mr. Graham Cooper's coverts are drawn by his Lordship, and are always a sure find.

It is interesting to note that this sportsman, although by no means a hard rider, as he turns the scale at something over sixteen stone, invariably manages to get to the end of a run, his intimate knowledge of the country enabling him to see as much, or more, sport than some of the hard-riding division.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. T. GRAHAM COOPER.

**Mr. W.
Dawtre.**

The family to which Mr. Dawtre belongs is the oldest in Sussex, having lived at Petworth for over 800 years. Mr. WALTER DAWTREY is a son of Mr. William Dawtre; he was born in 1860 and

educated at Ardingly College. Always a great lover of horses, he took to dealing, and soon became very successful. A fine performer in the saddle, he has had many successes in points-to-points and steeplechases. A very successful animal of his was a mare named Lolly Pop, who won seventeen jumping competitions in succession; he has also owned many good 'chasers, who have been successful all over the country. With a large number of buyers, Mr. Dawtrey is continually journeying to Ireland to purchase hunters, and has been very successful with many of them in the show ring, carrying off numerous prizes. Mr. Dawtrey's son is a follower in his father's footsteps; he was a winner of several points-to-points when only fifteen. As a rider to hounds he is one of the best in Sussex, having a good quick eye for a country, riding straight, and with judgment.

Mr. W.
Dawtrey.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. W. DAWTREY.

One of the most conspicuous lady followers of Lord Leconfield's Hounds is MRS. DE FONBLANQUE, the wife of Mr. de Fonblanque, of Duncton, Petworth. She is of Italian extraction, which probably accounts for her capabilities as a horse-woman; as a child she became accustomed to the saddle, and has ridden all her life.

Mrs. de
Fonblanque

Mrs. de Fonblanque usually breaks in young horses bred by her husband for her own use; Barlass, by New Barnes, by the great Barcaldine, is one of the best, also Bishop and Boniface, both by Lambeth, by Westminster. Mrs. de Fonblanque is generally to be seen in the first flight.



Mr. M.
G. Duck.

MRS. DE FONBLANQUE.

MR. MATTHEW GEORGE DUCK, who was born in 1853, is the son of Mr. W. Duck. He was educated at Petersfield College, and then studied farming. He began to hunt when he was eighteen years old, and has ever since followed the Goodwood, the Warnham Staghounds, and Lord Leconfield's. His favourite hunter of the past was Tit Bit, who carried him for fifteen years; his present favourite is Royal Drake II. For two years running he won the Point-to-Point on Gaiety Girl and Royal Drake. He is a member of the Farmers' Club, and lives at South Dean, Petworth.



MR. M. G. DUCK.

MR. CLAUD GARRARD, of Loxwood Place, Loxwood, Billingshurst, who is the son of Mr. B. W. Garrard, was born in 1871, and educated at Eton. As a boy he followed the late Mr. Garth's hounds, and since then has hunted with most of the principal fox and staghounds in England, and especially with the Oakley and the North Staffordshire. In 1900-01, he was Master of the Tanat-Side Harriers. He married, in 1898, Florence, the daughter of Captain the Hon. Hugh Hare, and niece of the Earl of Listowel; she is a fearless horsewoman, with excellent hands, and a keen rider to hounds. Mr. Garrard has won numerous

Mr. C.
Garrard.

hunt races, points-to-points and steeplechases on his own horses, and also on that well-known 'chaser, Mr. Auckland's Nelson.

The Rev. A. Gaisford.

THE REV. ARTHUR GAISFORD, of Tangmere, Chichester, the son of the Rev. George Gaisford, of Lavant, Chichester, was born in 1870, educated at Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford, and then entered the Church.

He began riding and hunting when a child, and followed the Goodwood and Lord Leconfield's Hounds. The illustration shows him on Twilight, a chestnut mare. Mr. Gaisford is a well-known figure with the hounds.



THE REV. A. GAISFORD ON TWILIGHT.

The Lady Gifford.

One of the best-known ladies in the World of Sport is THE LADY GIFFORD, of Old Park, Chichester, who has owned and hunted a pack of harriers since 1895, which bear a reputation for workmanlike qualities and for showing excellent sport. Lady Gifford has followed many packs, including The Tynedale, Morpeth, Grafton, and Bicester. On one occasion when hunting with the Grafton, a fox was found near Halse village



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THE LADY GIFFORD.

and ran to Brackley, where it mounted a wall, and from there the roofs, where it was bagged, let out in the open, and eventually killed by the hounds after a long run. The three hunters which have been carrying Lady Gifford during the late season are, Patriot, Mona, and Grey Lady. Lady Gifford hunts her harriers herself, and Lord March acts as her Field Master.

Mr. A. Hamilton.

The late Master of the Iping Harriers, now no longer in existence, MR. ARCHIBALD HAMILTON, of Iping House, Midhurst, is the eldest son of Sir Edward and Lady Hamilton. He is heir to two baronetcies held by his father, who is sixth in descent from the Hon. William Hamilton, brother to James, sixth Earl of Abercorn, and is in remainder to some of the Duke of Abercorn's minor titles. Both baronetcies, be it added, were conferred for gallantry in naval actions. It was intended that the subject of these notes should, like his father, join the Guards, but, very unfortunately, a defect in his eyesight obliged him to abandon his intention. He, however, held

a commission in the 2nd Vol. Batt. of the Royal Sussex Regiment, and was for a time attached to the Staff at Chichester, retiring with the rank of first lieutenant. Educated privately, Mr. Hamilton, who was born in 1877, began to hunt when eight years of age. He was blooded by Charles Payne, of Pytchley fame, when that celebrated huntsman was with Sir Watkin Wynn. His subsequent experiences have been varied, including the Goodwood, Hambledon, Shropshire, Devon and Somerset (both stag and fox), Bicester, Crawley and Horsham, Chiddingfold, Lord Leconfield's, and other leading packs.

The Hamilton crimson and white carriages with black horses are one of the features of Midhurst. There is a good deal of postilion work done in connection with Iping House; albeit Mr. Hamilton usually drives himself in a very smart cabriolet. A direct descendant of Princess Mary of Scotland, daughter of King James II., Mr. Hamilton has a right to use the Royal Stuart tartan. His brother, four years younger than himself, Mr. Sidney, also resides at Iping House. He is an ardent sportsman and first-class rider; he also hunts with Lord Leconfield's. At Mr. Hamilton's town house, 13, Devonshire Place, there is



MASTER ARCHIBALD HAMILTON.



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Mr. Archibald Hamilton.

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some wonderful mahogany work ; Adam mantelpieces, and ceilings decorated by Angelica Kaufmann, together with a large collection of antique furniture, and family portraits. In the hall there is still the original hall porter's seat, and a family sedan chair of curious workmanship.

Mr. Hamilton's little son, aged nine, is the only great grandchild of H.R.H. the late Duke of Cambridge. The little fellow was christened at the Chapel Royal, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the late Duke of Cambridge standing sponsors in person ; the Royal gathering included His Majesty and the Queen, who takes the greatest interest in him ; his name is down on Her Majesty's list as one of her pages.

Mr. Hamilton's London Clubs are the Marlborough and the Bachelors'.

The REV. C. H. HILDEBRAND, of Loxwood, Billingshurst, who is known in the hunting field as "The Bishop," is the son of the late Rev. William Hildebrand,



MR. W. JAMES.

of Coulston, Wiltshire. He was born in 1863, and was educated privately at home.

For the last fifteen years he has hunted as regularly as his duties permit with Lord Leconfield's Hounds. He often rides young unmade horses, but his favourite hunter Planet (given him by the Master) is well known as a safe fencer and an exceptional performer over high timber.

MR. WILLIAM JAMES has pursued sport from Central Africa to the Arctic, and the fine array of trophies which have fallen to his rifle includes a number of African heads, a polar bear, and a reindeer. He has made five different expeditions into Central Africa (he was a member of the first European party to penetrate into Somaliland), and was travelling in the Soudan when General Gordon was at Khartoum.

Mr. James was born in Lancashire, in 1851, and was educated at Harrow. In the summer of 1889 he went to the Arctic, penetrating to within a hundred miles of the farthest northern point which had then been reached. In 1892 he commenced hunting with the Goodwood and followed them until they were dispersed in 1895.

Mr. James has several daughters, all of whom are keen riders to hounds, especially Miss James, who hunts a great deal in the shires.

MR. GEORGE HORACE JOHNSTONE, J.P. Sussex and Cornwall, only son of the late Mr. John Heywood Johnstone, of Bignor Park, Sussex, and Trewithen, Cornwall, M.P., D.L., J.P., was born in 1884, and educated at Radley and Trinity, Cambridge ; he then followed politics, and contested Reading at the 1904 election.

On February 3rd, 1894, he had his first day's hunting with the Goodwood, when he was duly blooded and presented with the brush. Since then he has followed the Crawley and Horsham, the Warnham Staghounds, the South Berks, and the Garth, in addition to Lord Leconfield's. His favourite hunter, Pat, has carried him for five seasons with only one fall, which, Mr. Johnstone says, was more an error of judgment on his part



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than the fault of the horse, which is an extraordinary timber jumper. Mr. Johnstone is very fond of polo and shooting, is a member of the United University and the Bath Clubs, and lives at Bignor Park, Pulborough, and Trewithen, Cornwall.

Mr. W. H. Kenderdine

MR. WILLIAM H. KENDERDINE, the son of Mr. J. J. Kenderdine, was born in 1868 and educated privately. He began to follow hounds when he was about ten years old, and has subsequently hunted with the Crawley and Horsham and Lady Gifford's Harriers; he now follows Lord Leconfield's Foxhounds.

Mr. E. G. King.

One of the oldest members of the Leconfield is MR. EDMUND GEORGE KING, who was born in 1834. His father was the late Mr. Edmund King, of Petworth. Educated at Littlehampton, he subsequently studied



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MR. E. G. KING.

agriculture professionally. Mr. King's memories regarding his early hunting days take him back to the time when the late Colonel Wyndham hunted the Leconfield country; he was then a lad of fifteen, and he has since hunted with the Crawley and Horsham, the Goodwood, and the Warnham Staghounds, though he has always been more with Lord Leconfield's than with any other pack. Among many good horses, one of his best was bred by that noted breeder, Mr. Carew Gibson, of Sandgate; another is Goldfinder, who won the Crawley and Horsham Point-to-Point with his son up. For twenty-nine years Mr. King has regularly walked a couple of puppies, one for Lord Leconfield, and one for the Crawley and Horsham, and during that time he has never lost a single puppy—a feat of which few could boast. Many good hunters has he bred from Black Bess, a winner at Lewes and Horsham, and the Sussex County Shows, with her foal at foot. Mr. King lives at Cobbet House, Pulborough.

Mr. E. T. Norris.

MR. EDWARD THOMAS NORRIS, of Gratwicke, Billingshurst, who was born in 1856, is a son of the late Mr. James Norris. He was educated privately, and began his hunting experiences at the early age of seven, when he used to follow the Surrey Staghounds, of which his father was Honorary Secretary when old Squire Heathcote was Master. Since those early days, however, he has had a wide and varied experience of many different packs, having hunted with the Burstow, Old Surrey, Chiddingfold, Crawley and Horsham, Bicester, and the Westmeath, besides others. Among his many good horses may be

noted Duster, Kathleen, Ballet Girl, Ravenstoke, by Wales, winner of several prizes at Islington, and Prince Richard, who was very successful in the show ring at Cork, Bognor, Worthing, and Arundel.



MR. W. H. KENDERDINE.



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MR. E. T. NORRIS.

His son, Mr. Eric Norris, was born 1885 and educated at Eton. He was blooded with the Goodwood, during its existence, in 1891, but now hunts principally with Lord Leconfield's. He has seen sport with the Meath, Ward Union Stag, and Warnham Stag. He was some little time at Arequipa, in Peru, and rode in a hurdle race in 1902, coming in second. He is a good shot, and plays polo and cricket.

Mr. Norris is a first-flight man, and his other sons follow well in his footsteps, emulating their father's dash, though, naturally, they cannot have yet obtained his wide experience.

Mr. WILLIAM HENRY PUTTOCK, of Carlton House, Billingshurst, is a son of Mr. Henry Puttock. He was born on February 18th, 1872, and educated privately, after which he

entered business. He began hunting with Lord Leconfield's, the Crawley and Horsham, and the Warnham Staghounds in about 1888, and has been a constant follower of these packs ever since. The best hunter he ever owned is Worcester, by Rattle, who is now thirteen years old, and is well known in this part of the country. This fine horse has carried his master through many a long day.

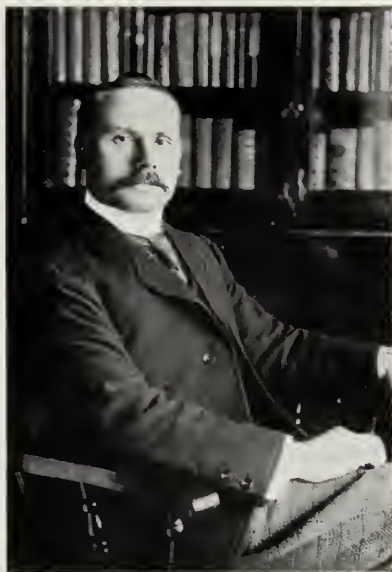


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MR. W. H. PUTTOCK.



MR. E. NORRIS.

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Mr. THOMAS GUY PAGET, of Woodend, Chichester, is a son of Mr. Thomas Guy Paget, of Humberstone Hall, Leicestershire. He was born in 1886, and was educated at Eton, afterwards joining the Scots Guards, for whom he played back, or No. 3, in their polo team for the three years he was in the regiment. Mr. Paget began to hunt, when a boy of thirteen, with the West Kent, and has since hunted with the Whaddon Chase, Quorn, Pytchley, Hambledon, Crawley and Horsham, and Lady Gifford's Harriers. He also hunts his own pack, the Shopwyke Beagles (the hounds are very small, being only 12-inch); they account for a lot of hares, as well as prizes on the flags, in a season. Mrs. Paget, daughter of Sir William Des Vœux, G.C.M.G., is also a keen horsewoman and rider to hounds. Of Mr. Paget's horses, mention must be made of Trim and Bones, who won Lady Gifford's

Mr. T. G.
Paget.



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MRS. PAGET.



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MR. T. G. PAGET.

Point-to-Point in 1906, and Alert III., with whom he won the Household Brigade Cup, and was third in the Grand Military Gold Cup, 1907, in his old family colours—cherry, white sleeves, Eton blue

Mr. T. G. Paget.

cap. He has owned several flat-race horses, which he was fond of riding himself. He is a member of the Guards' and Bachelors' Clubs, and is also keen on politics, being the prospective Conservative candidate for Mid-Northamptonshire.

The Misses Paget.

The three Misses PAGET, of Shopwyke House, like their brother, Mr. Guy Paget, of Woodend, are all keen followers of hounds, having hunted for the last seven years with the West Kent, Hambledon, Lord Leconfield's, and Lady Gilford's Harriers, besides being often seen out with the Shopwyke Beagles.



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THE MISSES PAGET.

They are good sportswomen, and show plenty of judgment, but, nevertheless, go well when hounds are running.

Ladysmith, a good pony, has carried various members of the family well for the last seven seasons, while Wisdom, Isaac, Clonville (all, by the way, Irish-bred horses), and Diana, have carried

their mistresses well, and will, we hope, do so for many seasons to come.

Mrs. L. Parsons.

Mrs. LILY PARSONS, the wife of Mr. J. W. Parsons, of Little Helliers, Stopham, Pulborough, for the last three years has hunted, for the most part, with the Leconfield. Her favourite mount is her mare Caroline, by Irish Wake.

Miss E. D. Richards.

MISS EMMA DELAVAL RICHARDS, of Snow Hill, Midhurst, daughter of the Reverend William Steward Richards, Rector of Ferwick, Sussex, first commenced hunting with the Goodwood some fifteen years since, and rode a noted chestnut mare called Sheila for five years. She has also hunted with the Goodwood, and another of her horses, Maxim, won a point-to-point in the Hampshire country before he came into her possession.

Mr. E. F. St. John.

Mr. EDWARD FRANCIS ST. JOHN, of Slinfold Lodge, Slinfold, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel E. J. St. John, was born in 1869 and educated at Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford (B.A. 1892, M.A. 1898). He was blooded at a very early age by Shepherd, the late Lord Leconfield's huntsman. When at Oxford he hunted regularly; he also won the Christ Church Grind Cup in 1892, and was placed the two previous years, riding his own horse, Peacock.

He owns a harrier pack, which he hunts himself, the foundation hounds being purchased by the late Mr. E. Child from Sir John Sebright, in 1801. He is an honorary lieutenant in the Army, having served with the Imperial Yeomanry in the South African War, 1900-01. The Slinfold Lodge Estate is situated partly in the Crawley and Horsham country and partly in Lord Leconfield's, and can provide a fox for both packs.



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MISS ELSA SCHUMACHER.

The Misses V. and E. D. Schumacher.

THE MISSES VERA and ELSA DOROTHY SCHUMACHER are daughters of Mr. Erwin Albert Schumacher, of Porchester Terrace, London; the Red Lodge, Eastbourne; and Pallinghurst, Baynards. Mr. Schumacher has been the London resident partner in the Anglo-Russian banking

firm of Messrs. Wogan & Co. for many years. Miss Vera and Miss Elsa are Mr. Schumacher's youngest children, and were both born in London. They have regularly hunted with Lord Leconfield's Hounds, the Chiddingfold, and the Warnham Staghounds since they were six or seven years old. They had the great advantage of being from the very first instructed by Mr. Fred. Allen, that past master of the equestrian art, who looked upon them as his most successful pupils.

The Misses
V. and
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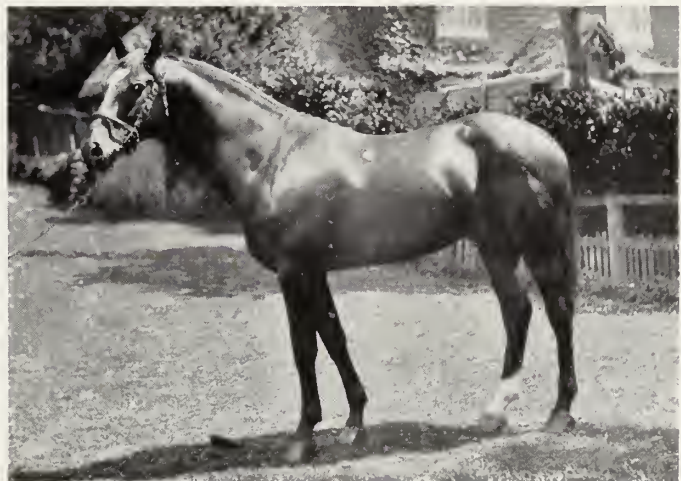
MISS VERA SCHUMACHER.

example for the good of the country. It is, in her opinion, one of the most pressing needs of the present day; the result of centuries has proved conclusively that there is no country in the world so suitable for horse-breeding as Great Britain, and yet there are not sufficient horses to mount and horse our own cavalry and guns.

Although Miss Scrimgeour did not commence riding to hounds until she was grown up, she has managed to follow all the packs in the neighbourhood, including the "H.H.," the Hambledon, the Crawley and Horsham, the Goodwood, and the South Coast Staghounds. She lives at Woolhouse, Midhurst, a charming old place, mentioned in *Domesday Book*, and which has remained in her family from that time to the present day.

The paddocks of Woolhouse have turned out many a good stamp of hunter, bred by Miss Scrimgeour, out of her favourite mounts, one of them being a bay mare, Temptation Clarity, by Wedding Peel Temptation. Miss E. RUTH SCRIMGEOUR is an enthusiast in horse-breeding, and, besides hunters, breeds many horses and ponies. She manages her stud farm entirely by herself, and is anxious to induce other ladies to follow her

Miss E. R.
Scrimgeour



MISS E. RUTH SCRIMGEOUR'S CHARITY.

MISS MAUD SCRIMGEOUR, of Stubbs House, Iping, Midhurst, commenced hunting with the Goodwood, and has since followed the South Oxford, Heythrop, Bicester, Vale of White Horse, Pytchley, and the Tipperary. Her favourite hunter, a little mare, Wanonah, which she has hunted for eight seasons, is now nineteen years of age, and Hiawatha, by Wedding Peel—Wanonah, bred by Miss Scrimgeour, promises to be as good as his dam.

Miss M.
Scrimgeour



MISS MAUD SCRIMGEOUR'S FOUR-YEAR-OLD COLT,
HIAWATHA.

MR. F. SKAIFE, of Chichester, son of the late Mr. Robert Thomas Skaife, was born in 1850. He has hunted all his life, and for the last twenty seasons has been a regular follower of the Goodwood and the Hambledon. His best horses include Brumette, Grey Friars, and Golden Pride, who won Lady Gifford's Point-to-Point, and the Light-Weight Race in 1907.

Mr. F.
Skaife.

Perhaps no name is better known in the hunting and racing world than that of Mr. EDWARD COOPER SMITH, the famous veterinary surgeon.

Mr. E. C.
Smith.

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Born at Wanstead, Essex, in June, 1844, his father and grandfather were well known in that county and Suffolk in the coaching days of old. Both had many coaches on the road, and were celebrated whips and good horsemen. Educated first at Epping, in France, and the City of London School, he, after a trip to Australia, settled down to study the veterinary art, in which he was advised by the late Professor Spooner, a friend of his father's. A pupil of the late Mr. Harman, of Arundel, in the first instance, he, after three years with that gentleman, went under the late Mr. Wm. Stanley, of Leamington, a man of considerable fame.

Taking his diploma at the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in April, 1865, he started at Petworth on his own account in 1866, and became connected with the Hunt in the lifetime of the present Master's grandfather, who, acting upon his advice, stopped the old-fashioned system of turning out hunters during the summer and had them corn fed in the stable instead.

In 1869, Mr. Cooper Smith started the Midhurst Stud Farm, where many notable horses stood, among them being St. Gatien, Sainfoin, Couronne de Fer, and others.

Blooded at the early age of five by the late Charles Shepherd, for many years huntsman to Lord Leconfield's, and who was with Mr. Conyers, of Copt Hall, Epping, at the time, it will be seen that Mr. Cooper Smith started early in the saddle, and until illness prevented, almost lived in it; probably no man has ridden farther in his time, his practice being a very wide one.

All his spare time has been given to his favourite sport, hunting chiefly with Lord Leconfield's, the Hambledon, and Goodwood, and no man regrets the abandonment of the last-named pack more than he does; to quote his own words, "they were a cheery lot and showed great sport."

Of his hunters he names Eruption, by Crater, a winner of 'chases, as absolutely the best hunter it was possible for a man to ride; he had charming manners, and as the late Lord Leconfield said, "was a gentleman to look at" and that "no better-looking horse ever went with his pack."

Mr. Cooper Smith resides at Ivy Cottage, Midhurst.

Mr. CHARLES HENRY SPURGEON, who lives at Petworth, in Sussex, is a son of Mr. Charles James Spurgeon, and was born in 1873. He was educated privately, and subsequently entered the Royal Veterinary College.

He first began hunting when he was about fifteen years old, and has at different times followed the Crawley and Horsham, the East Kent, Tickham Foxhounds, the Mid Kent, and the Warham Staghounds. He was first past the post in the Crawley and Horsham Point-to-Point, on Royal Drake II., and has ridden in several other races.



MR. COOPER SMITH ON SIR JOHN.



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MR. C. H. SPURGEON.

Mr. C. H.
Spur-
geon.



COMMANDER H. WARRĒN.

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WarrĒn.

COMMANDER HENRY WARRĒN, R.N., the son of the late Lieutenant Henry WarrĒn, R.N., was born on July 16th, 1851, educated at North Grove House, Southsea, and joined the *Britannia* in 1861.

Although it may perhaps be said with truth that there is no other profession which affords less time and opportunity for indulging in the pleasures of the chase, nevertheless, amongst the officers of the Royal Navy are many hard riders to hounds in various countries of the kingdom. Amongst them is the subject of these notes.

He first began hunting with the Hambledon and Lord Leconfield's in 1873, and later on with the West Carberry, county Cork, of which Hunt he was one of the original founders, besides being Secretary and Acting Master.

He is also fond of going with the beagles and the otterhounds. He lives at Nye Wood House, near Petersfield.

CRAWLEY AND HORSHAM.

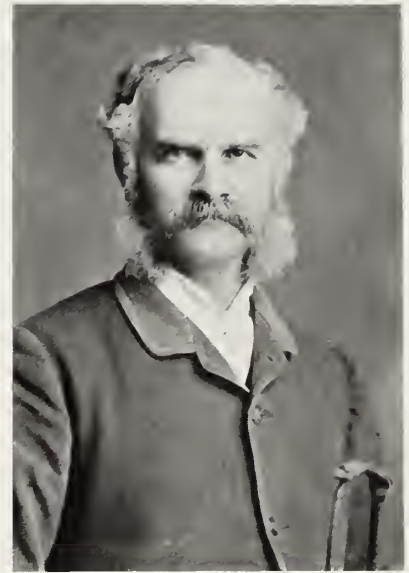
WRITING upon the country as at present limited by the Crawley and Horsham, "Brooksby" points out that "the C. and H. (an abbreviation which we must be allowed throughout this sketch), now goes right down to Arundel, Worthing, and the sea, by virtue of a gift of ground from Lord Leconfield. On the other hand, the Hunt has thrown aside all the western and cruder half of its old territory as coloured on the maps, and has assumed an equally compact shape with the advantage of now having its kennels almost exactly in the middle of the country. It is a fair, if not a rapid scenting country; is well off for foxes (at least in all its best districts), and owns a capital working pack."

The accounts of the early history of the pack are of a somewhat meagre description. The first Masters were, we believe, Mr. Bethune and Mr. Lee Steere, the grandfathers of the present owner of Jayes Park. In 1847, Mr. E. Stanford, of The Hall, Slaugham, began his Mastership, which proved to be a most successful one, lasting twenty years; he maintained the pack almost at his own cost. He had his kennels at Warninglid, but, finding in 1866 that the pack was too great a drain on his pocket, a meeting was held to consider the future management of the Crawley and Horsham Fox Hunt. According to the report made at the meeting, there had been a great deal of laxity during the past two years in the preservation of foxes, and they had been destroyed recklessly. A Committee was appointed, headed by Lord Sheffield, of Sheffield Park; several gentlemen were chosen to collect subscriptions, and Mr. Stanford consented to remain as Master, being thanked for the manner in which he had maintained the pack under great difficulties. He retired the following year. The hounds and horses were bought, and the kennels at Staplefield repaired by public subscription and vested in three trustees, Mr. W. Peters, of Ashford, Mr. Egerton Hubbard, then of Leonards Lee, and Major Meek, from whom the Staplefield kennels were then leased.

From 1867 to 1869 Colonel Calvert with Mr. R. Loder, afterwards Sir Robert Loder, and Mr. Hubbard held a Joint-Mastership, but at the conclusion of the last-named year, the Colonel took over the sole responsibility, and continued to hold office until 1887. In 1878, on the expiry of the lease of the Staplefield kennels, he had moved the hounds to new kennels built on land leased from Sir W. Burrell, at West Grinstead. He was not only a most popular Master, but maintained the pack at a high state of efficiency. Keeping fifty couples of hounds, he recruited the pack almost entirely from Mr. Lane Fox's young draft from the Bramham Moor. By this means he got a pack together clean shaped and full of the world-famed driving qualities of the Northern hound. The kennels are near the station, and admirably situated for hunting the country, which during his Mastership was extended by taking in that part of the Findon territory from Dial Post to the sea. In 1887, Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. Godman succeeded Colonel Calvert. He is an equally popular Master; and it may be noted in this connection that the Hunt has been particularly fortunate in this respect, as Colonel Godman, in common with his predecessor in office, has not only maintained the efficiency of the pack, but hunts the country to the complete satisfaction of the landowners and farmers, who earnestly second his efforts to show good sport and keep a good head of foxes. This they are well able to do as the country is a big one, containing many extensive coverts in the broad expanse from Ockley, in Surrey, to the sea at Worthing (a distance of some twenty-five miles), and from East Pulborough to Haywards Heath, east to west some twenty miles. Not only are the ploughlands considerable, but there is a great deal of woodland. Thus the forest is situated north-east of the kennels, chiefly to the east of Horsham, and is a large tract of disconnected woodlands with open country between them. The foxes here are wild and stout, and by no means easy to kill. Those in the forest proper are especially powerful and very dark in colour, many of their brushes being quite black. There is more wire in the country than formerly,

owing to an increase in the shooting tenants, who find Horsham a convenient two hours' run from London. Kingsland is the huntsman, and the Deputy-Mastership is ably filled by Mr. W. A. Calvert, the son of the former Master, Colonel Calvert.

The Calverts are descended from Felix Calvert, of Furneaux Pelham, county Hertfordshire, who was born in 1623, and was also the ancestor of the Calverts of Albury. The late ARCHIBALD MOLLETT CALVERT, of Ockley Court, Surrey, Colonel Royal Artillery, J.P., was born December 24th, 1827, and succeeded his brother in 1870. He married, August 14th, 1862, Constance (now of Ockley Court), third daughter of William Peters, of Ashford, Crawley, Sussex. It may be said of Colonel Calvert that he was bred to hunt, as in 1727, his ancestor, Mr. Calvert, of Hertfordshire, kept foxhounds in that county, and on the maternal side, Sir William Rowley was an M.F.H. for many years. When the Iron Duke said the hunting field was the school for soldiers, he might have been thinking of such an one as the subject of these notes; but Colonel Calvert first saw the hardships of severe active service, for he went through the whole of the Indian Mutiny, and served for five-and-twenty years with his gallant gunners. A keen sportsman, he boasted many first spears as a member of the Pig-sticking Club.



COLONEL A. M. CALVERT.

Col. A. M.
Calvert
—Master,
1867-87.

Noted as a shot, he was also a singularly fine horseman, so that when he retired and took up his residence at Ockley Court, he was soon asked to act as M.F.H., as stated in the history of the Crawley and Horsham. His great supporter in the Findon country was the late Reverend John Goring, of Wiston, the staunchest of friends, and the best of fox preservers. His huntsman was George Loader; whips, James Budd, afterwards huntsman to the Puckeridge and Cambridgeshire, Barney Spence, afterwards huntsman to the Warnham Staghounds, and Richard Kingsland, the present huntsman. He got together a grand dog and bitch pack admirably suited to the country. A good horse-master, he was always to be seen with his hounds, and showed the best sport until his resignation in 1887. Colonel Calvert died on December 7th, 1900.

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. B. GODMAN, the youngest son of the late Mr. Joseph Godman, of Park Hatch, Godalming, was born in 1849, and educated at Eton, afterwards rounding off his studies in France and Germany. He is fond of travelling and is well acquainted with our colonies, as well as the East and South America. He belonged to the Sussex Militia for nearly thirty-four years, and served with them in the South African Campaign in 1901 to 1902. He began hunting at an early age and was blooded by Old Squires, well-known to the followers of Lord Leconfield's Hounds at that time. Most of his

Lt.-Col.
C. B.
Godman
—present
Master.



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LIEUT.-COLONEL GODMAN AND HIS DAUGHTERS.

hunting has been with the packs of Surrey and Sussex; from 1876 to 1883 he was Master of the Chiddingfold, and in 1887 he succeeded Colonel Calvert in the Mastership of the Crawley and Horsham, over whose destinies he still continues to preside. When he took over the

LT.-COL. C. B. Godman. Crawley and Horsham there were two strains of blood, which he has taken the greatest pains to perpetuate, as they have shown their worth in the field; two of the latest representatives are Pedlar and Tradesman, who trace their descent through many good hounds to the Belvoir Weathergaze and Lord Fitzhardinge's Cromwell. For many years the hounds were hunted by George Loader, who showed excellent sport, and the present huntsman, R. Kingsland, came to the Hunt when a lad, first acting as whip. The first whip, George Dean, is devoted to his work and much liked by the members of the Hunt. Jim Dawson, now huntsman to the Old Berkeley, formerly whipped-in to the Crawley and Horsham for twelve seasons.

LT.-COL. S. R. Clarke. A well-known supporter of the Crawley and Horsham is LIEUT.-COLONEL STEPHENSON ROBERT CLARKE, of Borde Hill, Cuckfield, Sussex, and the Cliff, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

He was born on June 28th, 1862, and is the eldest son of the late Mr. Stephenson Clarke, of Croydon Lodge, Croydon, and West Hoathley, Sussex. He was educated at Winchester, and in 1890 married Edith Gertrude, third daughter of Mr. Joseph Godman, D.L., J.P., of Park Hatch, Surrey.

He is a member of the Junior Carlton and Conservative Clubs, and commands the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment.

Lord Denman.

THE RIGHT HON. THOMAS, LORD DENMAN, third Baron, great-nephew of the second Baron (creation 1834), of Stony Middleton, Sheffield, and Balcombe Place, East Sussex, was born on November 16th, 1874, and succeeded to the title twenty years later. After the usual *régime* at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, Lord Denman served in the South African War in the capacity of Captain Commanding 35th (Middlesex) Squadron of the Imperial Yeomanry. In 1900 his Lordship was wounded, but fortunately, not severely. His hunting experience had been initiated several years before, with the old Goodwood Hunt, part of the territory now hunted by Lord Lecoufield, but then under the aegis of the then Duke of Richmond and Gordon. Afterwards Lord Denman hunted a good deal with the Warwickshire and North Warwickshire packs, and is a member of the North Warwickshire Hunt Club. Lady Denman, who is the daughter of Sir Weetman Pearson, Baronet, was also an enthusiastic follower of both these packs of hounds.

His Lordship has been the possessor of some really good hunters at various times. Formerly he used to ride in steeplechases, and in this capacity won a few races at south country meetings. When he is not claimed by onerous duties in the House of Lords, he shoots and plays golf and polo in the non-hunting intervals.

In 1905, Lord Denman was appointed Lord-in-Waiting to the King, and two years later succeeded Earl Beauchamp as Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. He is the Government Whip in the House of Lords.

During the past year or two his Lordship has been residing, during the hunting season, at Balcombe Place, near Haywards Heath, where he has hunted mostly with the Crawley and Horsham Foxhounds, and the Southdown. He is a member of the Marlborough, Bachelors', Brooks's, and Army and Navy Clubs.

Mr. P. B. Drabble.



Mr. J. C. Gaisford

From a painting.

MR. J. C. GAISFORD AND HIS SON TOM

MR. PETER BROWNELL DRABBLE, the second son of Mr. Robert Robinson Drabble, was born in 1868 at Woodside, Sundridge, Kent, and began hunting about 1885 with the Old Surrey and West Kent, having occasional days with the Mid Kent and Surrey Stag-hounds. He is interested in farming, and in 1902 he moved to Lydford Cowfold, Horsham.

MR. JULIAN CHARLES GAISFORD, J.P., and C.C. for West Sussex, is the eldest surviving son of the late Mr. Thomas Gaisford, of Offington, Sussex, D.L., J.P.;

he was born in March, 1862, educated at The Oratory School, and joined the "*Britannia*" as a naval



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The Right Hon. the Lord Denman.

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cadet in 1875; resigning his lieutenant's commission in 1887, he then studied law and was called to the Bar in 1891.

Mr. J. C.
Gaisford.

His father owned a pack of harriers, with which he showed great sport, hunting the Downs country, and south of the big woods; he was a well-known sportsman in his county, and an excellent horseman.

Mr. Gaisford is very fond of both hunting and cricket, and takes a great pride in the wonderful collection of shrubs got together by his father. He married, in 1889, Miss Bertha Riddell, whose uncle, Mr. Edward Riddell, of Cheesebury Grange, was at one time Joint-Master with Mr. George Fenwick of the Tynedale Hounds.

His three sons and four daughters promise to inherit their father's love for sport, the elder ones being often seen at the covert-side. Mr. Gaisford is a member of the Naval and Military Club, and

lives at Ollington, near Worthing. He has hunted chiefly with the Crawley and Horsham, "V.W.H." and Warwickshire hounds.



MR. E. C. R. GOFF AND THE WOODDALE BEAGLES.

Since the year 1880, when Mr. EWEN C. R. GOFF, of Wooddale, Billingshurst, began his hunting experiences as a boy of fifteen, he has been faithful to the Crawley and Horsham.

Mr. E. C. R.
Goff.

Born in 1865, he is the son of Mr. Robert Goff, of

Summers, Billingshurst, and was educated privately. He has had many days with Lord Leconfield's hounds, and has for the last eight seasons been the owner, Master, and huntsman of the Wooddale Beagles.

MR. WILLIAM EGERTON HUBBARD, J.P., of Forest House, Horsham, one of the senior followers of the Crawley and Horsham, was born in 1844, his father being the late Mr. William Egerton Hubbard, of Leonardslea. He was educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge, and first commenced hunting in 1858; he has followed the pack ever since. He was Honorary Secretary of the Hunt for some twelve or thirteen years, from 1866, during the Mastership of the late Sir Robert Loder and Colonel Calvert, after Mr. Stanford's retirement. He had a famous hunter, Pulborough, purchased from Mr. Percy Neale, which carried him for eleven seasons, and won the first jumping prize at Worthing when eighteen years old.



LIEUT.-GEN. SIR E. T. H. HUTTON.

LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR EDWARD T. H. HUTTON, K.C.M.G., C.B., Honorary Colonel of the 7th Batt. King's Royal Rifles, of Field Place, Horsham, with whose brilliant military career it is not our province to deal, is a good all-round sportsman, who, when duty permitted, has followed hounds for the last forty years.

Born in 1848, the son of the late Mr. Edward Thomas Hutton, of Beverley, Yorkshire, Sir Edward was educated at Eton. He has hunted with over thirty different packs in various parts of the kingdom.



MR. W. E. HUBBARD.

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Lt.-Gen.
Sir E. T. H.
Hutton.

**Captain J.
A. Innes.**

CAPTAIN JAMES ARCHIBALD INNES, D.S.O., of the Rifle Brigade, son of Mr. James Innes, was born in 1875, and educated at Winchester and Sandhurst. He first hunted in 1890 with the Crawley and Horsham, and when quartered in Dublin, followed the Irish packs in the neighbourhood; he has also visited the "V.W.H.," Warnham Staghounds, and other packs. His favourite hunters are Pearl and The Tramp, who won the Dartmoor Open Race in 1907. He rides in points-to-points, plays polo, is fond of shooting and fishing, and lives at Roffey Park, Horsham.

**Mr. F. A.
Juckles.**

MR. FRANK AMBROSE JUCKES, of Carfax, Horsham, son of Mr. Thomas Juckles, was born in 1865, and educated at Marlborough College, after which he entered the medical profession. He commenced hunting with the North Shropshire, and has since followed the Warnham Staghounds, Lord Leconfield's, the Blackmore Vale, Cattistock, Lord Portman's, South and West Wilts, Devon and Somerset Staghounds, and many others. He has a famous hunter, Jessica, which has carried Mr. Juckles for six seasons, and is a fine timber jumper.

He has ridden in many point-to-point races, and has been victorious in three.



MR. F. A. JUCKES' JESSICA.

**Mr. N. W.
Loder.**

MR. NORMAN WILFRED LODER, of High Beeches, Handcross, Sussex, the son of Mr. Wilfred Hans Loder, was born in 1885, and educated at Eton, where he whipped-in to the beagles, and at Cambridge, where, in 1906, he was second whip, and in 1907 Master of the Cambridge Draghounds. He began to follow hounds as soon as he could sit a pony; his chief pack now is the Crawley and Horsham, but he has visited the Fitzwilliam, the Southdown, the Burstow, the Cambridgeshire, the Oakley, the Pytchley, the Kildare, and the West Norfolk. He is more than likely to take a pack in the near future. When Master of the Cambridge Draghounds he bought draft foxhounds, formed a pack, and by kind invitation of Mr. George Fitzwilliam hunted in his country. He was also given a day's hunting in the Pytchley country (Lord Annaly) and the Oakley (Mr. Esmé Arkwright). He had excellent sport, and as he took great interest in his hounds and was always with them, they came to him well.



MR. N. W. LODER.

His best horses were Sailor III., on whom he won three races at Cambridge; Balsham, by Brumee—Arlota, with whom he won the Hargreaves Cup, the Crawley and Horsham Light-Weight Members' Race in 1908, the Athenæum Cup, Heavy-Weight Race, the Hunters' Challenge Cup, and the Red Coat Race; and Pat Rogers, by Ascetic—dam by Tom Steel—dam by Blood Royal. These three good horses he bought in Ireland as five-year-olds.

While at Cambridge, Mr. Loder played polo for three years, and was in the winning team of 1907-08, Oxford *v.* Cambridge at Hurlingham, being Captain in the latter year; he has played for the Old Cantabs at Moreton Morrell, Leamington, and Cirencester, and captained and won the Junior County Cup with a Cambridge team in 1908. "All good judges of the game are agreed that in Mr. N. W. Loder we have a young player of the highest promise."

**Mr. E.
Mostyn.**

MR. EDWARD MOSTYN, lieutenant-colonel in the late 4th Royal Sussex Volunteers, is the son of the late Captain Mostyn of the 8th Hussars. Born in 1857, and educated at Oscott College, he is a descendant of many hunting men of note, including his uncle, the late Sir Thomas Boughiey, and his cousin, also Sir Thomas Boughiey, both Masters of the Albrighton Foxhounds.

He formerly followed the Goodwood, but now hunts with the Crawley and Horsham. He is a member of White's, and lives at Tower House, Arundel.

Mr. E.
Mostyn.

HENRY FITZALAN-HOWARD, FIFTEENTH DUKE OF NORFOLK, K.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., V.D., Hereditary Earl Marshal of England, is the eldest son of the fourteenth Duke; he was born in 1817, and succeeded in 1860. He married, first, Lady Flora Paulina Hetty Barbara, daughter of the first Baron Donnington. Her Grace died in 1887, and in 1904 the Duke married the Honourable Gwendolen, daughter of the fourteenth Baron Herries. The Duke is J.P. for Sussex, and His Majesty's Lieutenant from 1905. He served with the Sussex Imperial Yeomanry in the late South African Campaign; is Hon. Colonel 4th W.R. Yorkshire R.A. Volunteers, and Lieut.-Colonel Commanding the 4th Battalion Sussex Regiment from 1902. He has always been a liberal supporter of the Crawley and Horsham Hunt, and although he has not hunted for some years, used formerly to follow that pack, the Goodwood and Lord Leconfield's. Seats—Norfolk House, St. James' Square, S.W.; Arundel Castle, Sussex; Derwent Hall, Derbyshire; and Beech Hill, Sheffield. Club, The Carlton.

Duke of
Norfolk.

MR. THOMAS C. PEPPER, of The Quarry, Amberley, is an only son of the late John Pepper. He was born in 1844, and educated at Brighton, afterwards entering business. Mr. Pepper began hunting as a boy of ten, and has been a constant and regular follower of the Crawley and Horsham and Lord Leconfield's Foxhounds since he left school. He has made keen foxhunters of his family, consisting of three sons and a daughter. They all go well, and his eldest son rode his father's horse, Shamrock, and won the Hunt Cup in the Crawley and Horsham Point-to-Point Races, held at Warninghamurst, on April 10th, 1896.

Mr. T. C.
Pepper.



LIEUT.-COLONEL R. H. RAWSON.

LIEUT.-COLONEL RICHARD HAMILTON RAWSON, of 64, Cadogan Square, and Gravenhurst, Bolney, Sussex, was born in 1863, and is the son of the late Mr. Philip Rawson, J.P., D.L., of Woodhurst, Sussex.

Lt.-Col.
R. H.
Rawson.

He commenced to hunt when ten years old and was later blooded by Colonel Calvert, with the Crawley and Horsham, with which pack he has since hunted more frequently than any other. The Colonel was in the Eton Cricket Eleven of 1881, and during his five years there ran with the beagles. After completing his education at Brasenose, Oxford, he joined the 1st Life Guards, with whom he served for nine years, retiring with the rank of captain. He now commands the Sussex Yeomanry. Whilst at Oxford he hunted with the neighbouring packs, and when in the Guards hunted with the Drag at Windsor, and with the Duke of Beaufort's. After leaving the Service the Colonel settled in Sussex, and has since hunted regularly with the Crawley and Horsham, the Southdown, the Warnham Staghounds and Lord Leconfield's, averaging four days a week during the season.

His best hunters were Cahirmer, by Ballinafad, and Vixen, who won the Crawley and Horsham Point-to-Point in 1904.

In 1890 he won the 1st Life Guards' Subalterns' Cup on a mare named Marigold, who also carried her owner home a victor in several other races. Colonel Rawson is a J.P. and D.L., and in 1899, served as High Sheriff for Sussex. In 1890 he married Lady Beatrice Anson, daughter of the Earl of Lichfield. They have two daughters, the Misses Violet and Dorothy Rawson, and a son, Master Geoffrey Rawson, who are already well known in the hunting field. He is a member of Arthurs' and the Bachelors' Clubs.

MR. HORACE REYNOLDS, of Stream, Pulborough, the son of Mr. James Reynolds, of Hyde, Hendon, was born in 1866, and educated privately. In 1875 he began following the Brookside Harriers, and

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Reynolds.

Mr. H. Reynolds.

has visited at various times the Southdown, the Essex, Essex Union, the Devon and Somerset Staghounds, Whaddon Chase, Lord Rothschild's, the Pytchley, Lord Leconfield's, and many others. His Sheila, who has carried him for six seasons, is an excellent timber jumper, and a good all-round performer. Mr. Reynolds is a breeder of thoroughbreds, and acts as judge at coursing meetings, in which he takes great interest.



MR. H. REYNOLDS.

Mr. H. A. Rigg.

MR. HERBERT ADDINGTON RIGG, M.A., K.C., J.P., of Wallhurst Manor, Cowfold, Horsham, comes of a good old hunt-loving stock, being the son of the late Mr. Jonathan Rigg, of Westham Hill Park, Kent, and brother of Mr. W.



MR. H. A. RIGG.

T. Rigg, who started and hunted the Mid Kent Stag-hounds at his own expense. The subject of these notes was born on March 7th, 1845, and after being educated at Tonbridge School and Trinity College, Cambridge, was duly called to the Bar, where his talents as a Parliamentary Counsel soon brought him to the fore, and where he still continues to practice.

Mr. Rigg is well known in West Sussex, and upon his grey cob, Badger, his figure is familiar to all followers of the Hounds. Badger is a sure conveyance over timber and water, and as Mr. Rigg is a keen lover of the sport,

and in his own modest words, "Regrets his inability to ride straight," he sees more sport than many a "thruster." There is more enjoyment to be had out of following hounds than any other sport, he says, and next to his own pleasure he loves to watch that of his friends. We need more such unselfish sportsmen.

Mr. R. Rowe.

MR. RICHARD ROWE, son of the late Mr. Richard Rowe, was born in 1843, educated in Germany, and subsequently took up tea planting in India. He first hunted in 1886 with the Warnham Staghounds and also followed Lord Leconfield's, the Burstow, Surrey Union, and surrounding packs. He had a famous hunter named Wicklow, which he rode for six seasons.



MR. R. ROWE.

Mrs. Rowe still hunts regularly, and her three daughters follow in the example of their parents.

Mr. Rowe possesses many cups, won races when in India, and lives at Chestnut Lodge, Horsham.

Captain A. G. Smith.



CAPTAIN A. G. SMITH.

Perhaps one of the most prominent members of the Crawley and Horsham is CAPTAIN ARTHUR G. SMITH, of Roffey House, Horsham, who, although no longer a young man in point of years, still retains all the activity and energy of youth. A fine rider, with good hands and a firm seat, he is always to be seen in the first flight.

Captain Smith, late of the Carabiniers, was born in February, 1840, and educated at Rugby, subsequently entering the Army. **Captain A. G. Smith.**

He commenced hunting at a very early age with the Garth. His association with the Quorn covered the period of ten different Masterships. His other experiences have been with the Belvoir, Cotswold, Beaufort, the V.W.H., Leconfield, Chiddingfold and many others. He was well known as a steeplechase rider in the sixties and seventies.

THE WARNHAM STAGHOUNDS.

ABOUT the year 1835, Mr. Henry C. Lee Steere, then living at Hale House, Ockley, hunted a pack of harriers, following both hare and fox, with one Edward Buss as his kennel huntsman, and J. Hopkins to whip-in to him. The former was born in 1800, and died in 1888. Afterwards this pack was converted into foxhounds. For five years he continued to hunt the surrounding country (with nominal boundaries), over which the Warnham Staghounds now hold sway. The pack ultimately went to swell the kennels of the Crawley and Horsham. Mr. Lee Steere then started staghounds, having apparently some twelve deer in his paddocks. The best of these appear to have been the "Horned Deer," which gave him five good runs in one season, and "No. 3" and "No. 12," which gave him four and three runs respectively, all with long points. His stable consisted of twelve horses, including The Cadger, which he rode seventeen times, and Globule and The Baron, sixteen times each in the season. The deer, "No. 12," on March 10th, 1853, jumped into a chalk pit, and was instantly killed. Old cuttings and records testify to the high-class cattle that were ridden by Mr. Lee Steere and his servants, whilst his diaries generally show he had at least five horses out each day.

Mr. Lee Steere kept on this pack until about 1865. He died in 1890. Subsequently Mr. W. Farnell Watson, of Henfold, who then hunted a pack of harriers, which, augmented by a gift of six couples of harriers from Mr. Lee Steere (from the Brookside Harriers), started a fresh pack of staghounds, his first deer being given by the late Mr. Lucas, of Warnham Court, and Sir Clifford Constable, about the years 1867-68. With this pack he eventually hunted the country regularly, the hounds being known as "Mr. Farnell Watson's."

In 1869, a wonderful run took place, the line of which was, curiously enough, taken by the now celebrated stag Miss Eileen in 1908. On the former occasion the equally good stag Borealis gave them over four hours' run, being uncarted at the same spot and taken at the same place. Thus does history repeat itself. The present driver, Walter Botting, was, in 1869, out with the pack for the first time.

Mr. W. Farnell Watson hunted his hounds up to the year 1879, when his son, Mr. W. Farnell Watson, succeeded him. The former died on November 30th of that year. His obituary notice runs as follows :—

"On Sunday, November 30th, passed away our popular Master, Mr. W. Farnell Watson, after a comparatively short illness. Much shall we miss him! for to one and all he was gentlemanly and courteous, a thorough kind friend, and had a good word for every one. He will leave a blank difficult to replace, both at Newdigate and Isleworth. He was buried at the Parish Church, and his remains were followed to the grave by many of his Surrey and Middlesex friends, tenants, and workpeople."

Hounds did not commence to hunt again under the new *régime* until February 9th, 1880, Mr. Watson carrying the horn himself, with Joseph Thwaites as first whip and kennel huntsman, and Elliot as his second whip. Mr. W. Farnell Watson carried on the hounds until 1882, when, accepting the Mastership of the Surrey Union Foxhounds (which he held until 1884), he gave up the pack, presenting them to a small Committee, in order to carry on staghunting. They were then called the Warnham Staghounds for the first time, becoming a subscription pack. Mr. A. Labouchere was appointed Master, B. Spence carrying the horn, with "Ned" Woodcock to turn hounds to him, and Davis as second whip. Mr. Harry Lee Steere became Field-Master and assisted Mr. Labouchere in the general management.

Woodcock subsequently went as huntsman to the Surrey Staghounds. At this period long runs were the rule rather than the exception; notably the case with the well-known havier Jim Crow, which always made an easterly point, generally of about four hours' duration, over a good country skirting the woods, roadways, and railway lines, and keeping well to the open. He is represented, in a book of sketches of the Warnham Staghounds, by Miss Margaret A. Collier, together with Mr. Bristowe Bovill (now Secretary) on Marksman, at the finish of a forty minutes' "burst" from Russ Hill, together with Mr. Renton, Mr. H. Blakeney, and the late Mr. H. C. Lee Steere, all prominent men in the first flight.

Jim Crow was hunted for ten seasons without a scratch, and one of the best runs he gave was when uncarted from West Grinstead; he was taken a few miles below Lewes, very fast. Another run will be remembered with the Marquis, who, before going away, would always lie down until hounds were put on, and then make his point; one of his best performances was from North Horsham to Sheffield Park, Lord Sheffield's seat in Sussex. In 1890, a famous hind, Actress, was turned out at Pulborough, and left out at West Hoathley. Mr. Dashwood, with the Edenbridge Harriers, hunted her five times, but was unable to take her; the Warnham, finding her at Rotherfield the last day of the season, took her out at sea, off Pevensy. Amongst those out were Mr. Agate, William Renton, and Mr. Evans, whose horse was drowned in a ditch on the Pevensy Marshes during the run.

At this period the followers consisted of almost equal proportions of tenant farmers and gentlemen of private means. Amongst the well-known names of the former were the following:—William Churchman (of Warnham), John Agate, Albert Agate, Messrs. John and Will Stanford, W. Weller and William Lyon (of Charlwood), and the present Mr. W. Agate, who, in five successive days, registered as the shortest run a twelve-mile point, all going east.

Mr. A. Labouchere, like his predecessor, became Master of the Surrey Union Foxhounds in 1898. He was succeeded by the late Mr. Henry C. Lee Steere, of Jaye's Park, who retained B. Spence as huntsman, and W. Hutchins became first whip, with Huntley as second; kennels were at Ockley.

That the successive Masters were appreciated and thoroughly popular is shown by the fact that, on their sons attaining their majority, the event was celebrated by a dinner given by the Hunt. The first was Mr. W. Farnell Watson, junr.; then Mr. H. C. Lee Steere; and, lastly, the present Master. Also on the occasion of Mr. H. Lee Steere's marriage, a presentation was made. The dinners all took place at the Café Royal, Regent Street.

The late Mr. H. Lee Steere carried on hounds until his death, in 1900. The present Master succeeded, with B. Spence, W. Hutchins, and Huntley as his staff. Spence gave way to C. White, who had previously been associated with Lord Leconfield's Foxhounds; whilst Webster relieved Huntley as second whip. The pack as at present constituted are a fairly level lot of hounds, with an average of twenty-three inches only—bigger hounds not being considered suitable for the country. The stable consists of some ten horses, mostly up to weight, a useful type, averaging about 15.3 hands high.



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MR. LEE STEERE.

In addition to being Master of the Warnham Staghounds, Mr. LEE STEERE, a good all-round sportsman, is very keen on the preservation of foxes, and is a consistently large supporter of the Surrey Union Foxhounds. The son of Mr. Henry Lee Steere, of Ockley, late Master of the Warnham, Mr. Lee Steere was born in 1859, and educated at Harrow. He first began hunting in

Mr. Lee Steere—
present Master.

1866, and followed the Surrey Staghounds, under the Mastership of Mr. Heathcote, when Jim Bentley was huntsman. His first brush was gained with the Chiddingfold, in Mr. Tom

**Mr. Lee
Steere.**

Sadler's time. Besides hunting with all the neighbouring packs, he acted as Secretary to his father for many years, and took over the Mastership in 1900. He married, on May 17th, 1890, Miss A. Gordon Clark, the daughter of Mr. Gordon Wyatt Clark, of Mickleham Hall, Surrey, who is as keen about hunting as her husband, and their only son emulates his parents in the love of sport.

Mr. Lee Steere, who has owned many good horses, looks upon Monk, who has carried him for nine seasons, through some tremendously long runs, as the best he ever had. He is a keen shot, and very fond of cricket and tennis, and of all forms of outdoor sport. He is thoroughly in touch with all classes, and is equally popular with master and man. He farms largely himself, and is always considerate towards those whose land he hunts over.

**Mr. B.
Bovill
Hon. Sec.**

MR. BRISTOWE BOVILL, the Secretary of the Warnham Staghounds, son of Mr. John E. Bovill, of Dorking, and nephew of the late Chief Justice Bovill, whose name was so well known in connection with the Tichborne case, is one of a family of sixteen and was born in 1851. He was educated at Harrow, and played for the school cricket eleven. When ten years old he followed Mr. Alexander's Harriers, now the Ripley and Knaphill; he then hunted with the Surrey Union, under Captain F. Hankey, R.N., and the Hon. Francis Scott, who were successive Masters, and subsequently with the Surrey Staghounds in Squire Heathcote's time. He considers that Dutchman, by Sharper, by Flying Dutchman, out of a Welch mare, and Marksman, who was well known with the Warnham, are two of the best horses he ever had.

A keen all-round sportsman, Mr. Bovill is fond of shooting, cricket, and golf, is a member of the Windham Club, and lives at Minnichwood, Hohnwood, Dorking.

**Mr. W.
Agate.**

MR. AGATE began hunting in 1864 with Lord Leconfield's Hounds, when Charles Shepherd was huntsman, he also followed the Crawley and Horsham under the Mastership of Mr. Stanford, and the Chiddingfold under Mr. J. Sadler. Mr. William Agate, the son of Mr. John Agate, of Warnham, who regularly hunted with the Warnham from the commencement up to the time of his death in 1881, was born in 1846 and educated privately. His best runs with the Warnham Staghounds were from Clarke's Green to Edenbridge in Kent, and from West Grinstead to Lewes, with Jim Crow, the celebrated havier, referred to in the history of the Hunt; in five consecutive runs which Mr. Agate had, the shortest was a twelve-mile point. He was also out when Actress was left out and ultimately taken at Pevensey, also mentioned in the history.

Mr. Agate's love of sport is reproduced in his son, who is now hunting with this pack.

**Mr. J. D.
Aysh.**

MR. J. D. AYSH, who was born in 1886, commenced hunting in 1905 with the Warnham. A good man to hounds, he was also successful in his first venture between the flags with his horse Charlie, a well-bred bay gelding, on which he won the Farmers' Race in the Annual Hunt Meeting, carrying thirteen stone over three and a-half miles at Lording's in 1907. His best run, he considers, was from Coultam to Goodwood Racecourse, an eighteen-mile point over a good hunting country, the first eight miles being fast. Mr. Aysh farms some 600 acres of land and keeps a large dairy of cows; he goes in for shooting, tennis, and cricket, and lives at Hardham Priory, Hardham, Pulborough.



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MR. W. AGATE.

**Mr. H. T. W.
Blakeney.**

MR. HUGH T. W. BLAKENEY, of Lonsdale House, Dorking, son of the late E. H. Blakeney, F.R.C.S., Deputy Inspector-General, A.M.D., M.D., R.A.M.C., studied at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and settled in Dorking in 1875. He then began his long and intimate association with staghounds, and besides the Warnham, has also hunted with the Surrey Staghounds, the Surrey Union, the Crawley and Horsham, the Chiddingfold, and Lord Leconfield's. His best hunter was Tommy, which was such a bad-

tempered horse that many times he failed to get to the meet; however, Tommy eventually came to hand and turned out so well that several bids of £150, and £200, were refused for him, he carried his master for eighteen seasons and died when twenty-eight years old. Another good horse was The Widow, who won the Warnham Light-Weight Hunt Race, in the hands of Mr. Herbert Bowyer.

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Mr. Blakeney's best run was in Mr. Farnell-Watson's time, from Billingshurst to Newick, a twenty-two mile point with only one check. On this occasion Mr. Blakeney rode seventeen miles to the meet and hunted and hacked home on the same horse, covering, probably, eighty miles, twenty-five of which were galloping over a stiff country.

Mr. A. REID, of Great Brookhamhurst Farm, Betchworth, son of Mr. John Reid, of Dumfries, was born in Scotland in 1860, and commenced hunting, sixteen years ago, with the Old Surrey Foxhounds in Mr. Edmund Byron's time, subsequently following the Surrey Union and Warnham Staghounds. A successful breeder, he considers the best hunter he has ever bred, and owned, to be Grey Boy, by Sir Roger—Miss White.

Mr. A.
Reid.

He also owns Brookhamhurst, by Chibbiaboïs—Red Queen, by Queen's Birthday, a useful stamp of sire which has produced some very good-looking stock.

Mr. Reid farms a considerable amount of land, is a keen sportsman and straight man to hounds, and a strong Conservative and Protectionist.

Mr. J. CARR SAUNDERS, who is the son of the late Mr. J. Saunders, of Clifton, Bristol, was born in 1836 and educated privately, afterwards entering into the marine insurance business in London. In 1863 he began hunting with the Surrey Stag-hounds, in Squire Heathcote's time, and for eleven years he was a regular follower of the Burstow, when they were hunted by the Master, Mr. Gerard Hoare, Tom Saunders being his first whip and kennel huntsman. In 1894 he became a member of the Warnham Staghounds, and has hunted with them ever since. One of the best of his hunters was the mare Scrip, who was bought out of the Windsor coach. She followed the Burstow for seven seasons, and was then stunted to Romeo, with whose foal at foot she took the first prize for brood mares at the Royal Home Counties Show. Mr. Carr Saunder's best run was from Henfield to Ringmer, an eighteen-mile point over an easy country.

Mr. J. C.
Saunders.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. J. C. SAUNDERS.

He is fond of shooting, is a member of the Devonshire Club, and lives at Melton Heath, Dorking.

THE SOUTHDOWN.



From a painting presented to Mr. Stenfield.

THE SOUTHDOWN HOUNDS ABOUT 1881. (GEORGE CHAMPION, HUNTSMAN.)

ETHER to Mr. King-Sampson (for whom his grandson claims the credit), who certainly had a pack of hounds, and hunted both hares and foxes in the Hailsham district of Sussex about 1815, must be attributed the honour of having been the originator of the Southdown Hunt, or to a battery of the R.H.A. who in 1820 were quartered in the now razed Ringmer Barracks, that the acknowledgments are due for their said inception. Mr. R. King-Sampson, writing under date February 8th, 1905, to the late Master of the Southdown (The Hon. C. Brand), gives us some interesting facts as follows, "Foxes were very scarce in those days, and hunting was not very popular, hence the *disguise* which had to be taken, which I send you, which consisted of fox's brush for whiskers, horse's mane for wig, and wooden nose. My grandfather hunted hares some days, and foxes other days, having both Harriers and Foxhounds. I believe at the start the foxhounds were taken out in couples until the fox was found."

But according to Alderman Henry Martin's (of Brighton) *History of Brighton and its Environs from the earliest known period to the present time* (published in 1820), it was the above-mentioned battery of "horse gunners" who were the unconscious founders of the Southdown Hunt. Major Cater, together with his junior officers, purchased a small pack of hounds, which they dubbed the "East Sussex" (N.B. No connection with the East Sussex that we know to-day, as the latter pack did not come into existence until thirty years later). Local information, however, serves to show that Mr. King-Sampson's pack formed the nucleus of that started in 1820.

The Major himself acted as Master, and the neighbouring gentry generously helped to finance the Hunt. Kennels were erected on Government property, a huntsman named Perkins engaged, and the newly formed Hunt had started to "go strong" when orders came down from the authorities to remove the hounds from the barrack-land. Broyle Gate, at the entrance to Broyle Park, was the next resting-place for hounds and horses. But in 1827 the barracks were pulled down (excepting the officers' quarters), whereupon Lord Gape offered to stable the Hunt stud at his own place at Firle. He afterwards bought some land at Rushey Green, Ringmer, and built kennels and stables

for the pack, using the old barrack materials for the work. In 1826, George Berry was huntsman and was succeeded in 1830 by Hennesy.

The records of the Hunt include a famous run on February 10th, 1824. When hounds met on Plumpton Plain and found at Mr. Laine's Gorse, the fox went into Stammer Park, crossing Mr. Moon's Hill *viâ* Broad Shackles to Boxholt Bottom and Ashcombe plantation; they climbed Kingstone Hill, round to Hford Hill, round Balsdean to Telscombe Tye to the cliff near the paygate, where they had a check—not before it was wanted, for few horses could go on again. Soon Perkins (the huntsman), however, held back for the short head, hit off the scent; away they went over Piddinghoe and Newhaven Hills down to the deep fallow in Waterman's Bottom and on by Heathy Brow to Telscombe Tye, over High Dool and down Northease Hill, up by Fore Hill Bushes to the Front Hill. There were only seven horses now, and they were going one by one, no two together and the Hounds more than a mile ahead. Perkins, who was nearest the Hounds, hailed a gentleman on the turnpike to stop them, which he did; Perkins, blowing his horn got them away, and took them home. This was a most tremendous day, every horse in the field was dead beaten and the chase must have been more than thirty miles; no one fox could have stood this drilling. Members of the Hunt of this time included Mr. Foley, Captain Croft, Messrs. Lane, Strange, Wood, Ingram, Barchard, Thomas, Thomas Johnson, Dray, Ellman, Monk, Hillman, Saxby, Kent, and Sir James Langham. The runs were long, foxes getting more plentiful from 1834 to 1844.

Mr. C. J. Craven, of Kemp Town, came next, with Press as huntsman; he kennelled hounds at Ashton Green, Ringmer, where the wooden cottages still stand. Hennesy followed Press with



MR. KING-SAMPSON.

the horn during Mr. Craven's ten year's *régime*. Next came a Captain Green, who was a very hard man to hounds, and on one occasion he went clean through the Lewes river. The Captain appears to have "burned the candle at both ends," however, for he soon retired, and Mr. King-Sampson kept the pack going for one season. Then, nobody coming forward to take the country, it is said the hounds were all killed, and the Rev. Richard King sketched each hound as it was led out. For some time no hunt at all existed in these parts, but at last Mr. Freeman Thomas, of Ratton, Eastbourne, resuscitated the pack, which became known thenceforth as "The Southdown" (1843). Brooker was the huntsman, and the kennels were first of all at Eastbourne. It was thought advisable, however, to bring the pack back to its old locality, and efforts were made to induce the Government to grant a lease of the still standing

parts of the old barracks (since used as a lunatic asylum). After several refusals the War Office "re-considered" Mr. Freeman Thomas' application, and hounds thus once more took up their old quarters in the village from which they had so long been banished.

Mr. Alexander Donovan, of Framfield, was the next Master. He engaged G. Champion to carry the horn, and remained at the head of affairs for ten years. Then a Committee officiated for one season, and, in 1863, Mr. William Langham Christie, of Glyndbourne, took over the Hunt and kept matters going for another eight years. Mr. R. J. Streatfeild, of The Rocks, Uckfield, followed for a decade, and under this *régime* the best of sport was shown; hounds meeting three days in one week, and four in the next. On his resignation he was presented with a portrait of huntsmen and hounds. The next Master was the Hon. C. Brand, whose practically continuous rule of twenty-two seasons did so much for the well-being of this pack and country. Champion remained as huntsman until 1883, when C. Payne came for four seasons. Mr. Brand's temporary resignation was brought about owing to private reasons in 1898; the Hunt Committee finished that season, although the Master consented to hunt hounds at the Committee's request. Mr. Brand then resumed office in conjunction with Mr. H. E. Courage, an arrangement which continued for another two years. F. Funnell was the new huntsman, and either he or Mr. Brand carried the horn. Mr. Courage resigned

in 1901, and left Mr. Brand to carry on alone, which he did for another two years. H. Maiden was the next huntsman, and remained until Mr. Brand finally gave up in 1903.

The Southdown had been exclusively a bitch pack when Mr. Brand first took it over; it was kept up as such until his last season in the Mastership, when he "entered" a few couples of dog-hounds. Warwickshire and Brocklesby blood were chiefly used by the late Master, with the very best results, and there can be no question as to the great improvement achieved in the tone of hound upon his "benches." When he resigned, it was a moot point as to whether his successor (Mr. R. W. McKergow) would uphold the policy of a mixed pack or revert to bitches only. However, the country was not long in doubt, for after a brief cogitation with his huntsman, Ned Farmer (from the East Essex), the new Master decided to retain the dog-hounds then in kennel, and the wisdom of his judgment has never been questioned. Mr. McKergow has been known in the "country of his adoption" all his life, and during the five years which he controlled the affairs of the Hunt has proved himself a most popular Master. On his resignation in 1908, Mr. Misa took his place.

The Southdown is an equal mixture of pasture and plough, some of the former is capital going and nearly always carries a good scent. Coverts well filled with foxes are plentiful, and on the down lands numerous gorses take the place of the former, and generally prove sure finds. In 1891 a portion of their east country was given up by the Southdown to the then newly formed Eastbourne Hunt.

The Southdown is essentially a country where pace is required; carrying as a rule a good scent, its vale country takes a lot of doing—big fences and banks, and in places very deep going, try the staying powers of the horses; whilst breasting the Downs in the open, unless both horses and hounds are of the best, and bred both for pace and staying powers, they have little chance of being in at the finish. Coverts are few and far between in some parts of the country, and gorse bushes on the Downs are the principal features; wire only exists in certain parts of the country.

Mr. R. J.
Streatfeild
—Master,
1871-81.

MR. R. J. STREATFEILD, who was a Sussex man by birth, came of an old county family, their landed estate being all contained in that shire. Born in 1814, he, after receiving his preliminary education, obtained a commission in the 5th Dragoon Guards, with which famous regiment he served three years. Coming into his estates he resigned his commission and turned his attention to hunting. Early experiences in that varied and splendid country the York and Ainsty had "taught him war" in a manner of speaking; and when on the resignation of Mr. Christie, then member for Lewes, he was requested to take the Mastership of the Southdown, he promptly consented. Assisted by George Champion, who had been the experienced huntsman of the pack for a score of years, he at once

entered into his duties with enthusiasm. For ten years he held the reins of office, his tact and capacity making him one of the most respected Masters of his day.

Mr. R. W. McKergow, of Twineham Grange, Haywards Heath, is the son of Mr. R. McKergow, of Burgess Hill. He was born in 1866 at Burgess Hill, and educated at Cambridge, where he rowed in his college boat.

On his taking over the Mastership of the Southdown in 1903, Mr. McKergow was well qualified for the post, for he had been a constant follower of the pack for twenty years, with the exception of occasional visits in the neighbouring countries. With Ned Farmer as his huntsman, and Sam Short as first whip, Mr. McKergow at once devoted all his energies to maintaining the standard of the Southdown pack, and the furtherance of sport in that country generally.



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. R. W. MCKERGOW.

That his efforts in both directions were successful is amply evidenced by the fact that whereas he started his Mastership with

38 couples of hounds, he, after five years, handed over to his successor 47½ couples, having,

moreover, introduced some excellent blood from the Tickham, Oakley, Belvoir and Atherstone kennels. In his first season he paid for 24 litters, and in his last for 72 litters. More significant, perhaps, is the annual toll of foxes, which, counting from the first to the last year, was 22½, 25, 35, 13, and finally, in 1907-1908, 50½ brace. This alone speaks for itself as to the increase of good feeling and popularity of foxhunting in the country.

Mr. R. W.
McKergow.

The best run during his Mastership was on February 13th, 1905. Meeting with the little bitch pack at Ditchling Common, they found in the Round Wood; the fox was viewed a field away, and the hounds at once laid on. Running through Ockley Farm over the main line to Danny, up the face of the hill, across London Road, past Clayton Windmill, then on to Jointers, Ditchling, to Middleton and Plumpton Wood; on again to Plumpton Osier Bed, Warring Gore, through the corner of the covert, and over the railway line by Cooke's Bridge Station to Barcombe, over Barcombe Railway, north of station, to "No Land" Wood and Newick Park, turning to the right to Gripps' Wood, over Spithurst Road into Dowes Copse, once round; here the fox was run into and killed. The time was 2 hours 50 minutes, with hardly a check; the distance over eighteen miles. There were only about one dozen of a large field in at the finish.

Mr. McKergow keeps a kennel stud of eighteen horses, the best of his own, purchased from Mr. John Stokes, being Business, who ran second in the Crawley and Horsham Point-to-Point, won the Weight-Carrying Hunter Class in the show ring, and carried him for eight seasons. Bull Dog, purchased from the same stables, has carried him for six seasons.

Mr. McKergow is Captain and Secretary of the Brighton and County Polo Club. He holds the rank of lieutenant, and commands the Burgess Hill Troop of Sussex Yeomanry, in which he has served eight years.

Mr. V. P. Misa, who in May, 1908, succeeded Mr. McKergow in the Mastership of the Southdown Foxhounds, has enjoyed a wide experience in the hunting fields of the British Isles and abroad.

Mr. V. P.
Misa
—present
Master.



MR. V. P. MISA ON SIGNATURE.

Beginning with the Eridge in 1881, that pack served as his principal source of sport for many years. For some seasons he hunted with the Foxbush (Mr. Kemp's) Foot Harriers, which was subsequently converted into a subscription pack called the Hadlow Harriers; he has also followed the Meath in Ireland. In Spain he followed the Jerez Harriers, of which Mr. Williams was Master, and at Gibraltar he has enjoyed days with the Calpé.

In 1905, Mr. Misa purchased Oldlands Hall, Uckfield, and became a regular follower of the Southdown. He started his Mastership with a pack of forty-five couples, and a kennel stud of twenty horses, in addition to his own of half that number. He believes in as nearly a clean-bred class of hunter as he can get for his country, and nothing less than sixteen hands.

A breeder of thoroughbreds, he has a few two- and three-year-olds in training under Mr. Escott, and in October, 1908, won the Crawter Nursery Handicap with the Santoi—Spicebox II. gelding, and has, moreover, won upwards of fifty small events under National Hunt and Jockey Club rules.

Mr. Misa married, in 1891, Miss Davies, of Xerez de la Frontera, Spain; his eldest boy is now at Eton.

MR. KENNEDY MEGAW, who was born in 1857, commenced hunting at an early age with Lord Middleton's, and subsequently with the Old Surrey and West Kent Hounds, occasionally visiting the neighbouring staghounds.

Mr. K.
Megaw
—Hon. Sec.

No man has done more good or worked harder for the Southdown Hunt than Mr. Kennedy Megaw, who became Honorary Secretary in 1900, and Treasurer in 1903. His unflagging energies have been so much appreciated, that, on April 14th, 1905, at the Farmers' Hunt Luncheon, on the



THE DOG PACK.



Photos by Elliott and Fry.

THE BUTCH PACK.

THE SOUTHDOWN FOXHOUNDS (1908).

Plumpton racecourse, he was presented with a magnificent testimonial, in the shape of an extremely handsome silver embossed cup, standing some eighteen inches in height, a massive silver salver, four dessert dishes in the same metal, and a book containing subscribers' names inscribed as follows :—

“Presented to Kennedy Megaw, Esq.,

“Together with a gift of plate, consisting of a silver centre piece, dessert service, and tea tray, by the occupiers of land, members and friends of the Southdown Hunt, in recognition of his services in organizing the Farmers' Hunt Luncheon, and other matters in connection with the Hunt, as a token of the regard in which he is held in the Southdown country, April 11th, 1905.

Mr. K.
Megaw.

MR. GERALD W. BLOXSOME, M.R.C.V.S., of Davingdov Road, Hove, was born in 1865 and educated at Clifton College; he is the son of the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., of Mawgan, near Helston, Cornwall.

He commenced hunting with Mr. J. Sidney Davey's Harriers, the Bochym, at seven years of age, and the Four Burrow. On the completion of his education, Mr. Bloxsome went to the Far West. Serving in the Riel Rebellion in Canada, he afterwards, for some seven years, spent his time in making and selling horses in that country. Returning to England he went to the Royal Veterinary College, passing out with his degree and second-class honours in 1898. He took up practice at Hove, and became a regular follower of the Southdown and neighbouring packs. He was for some years lecturer of veterinary science at the Uckfield Agricultural College, and makes a speciality of hunters.

His best horse is one Force, a bay gelding, winner of Lady Gifford's Open Race Hunt Cup in 1906; owner up. Force also ran third to Royal Mystery at Eastbourne.

Mr. Bloxsome married, in 1901, Miss Drew, daughter of Dr. Wallace Drew. He is a member of the Junior Conservative Club.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. G. W. BLOXSOME.

Mr. G. W.
Bloxsome.

MR. JOHN BROWN, of Ditchling Court, Hassocks, who was born in 1862, is the son of the late Mr. John Brown, of Patcham, and grandson of the late Mr. Tom Hooker, some time Master of the

Burstow Foxhounds and Harriers. Mr. John Brown comes of hunting stock; he has followed the Southdown all his life, and has also hunted with the Surrey Staghounds, the Brighton and Brookside Harriers, and the Burstow Foxhounds. Farming 900 acres of land, he owns a registered flock of Southdowns, and always has a few useful hunters in the stable. Mr. John and his three brothers, Richard, Arthur, and William, constitute quite a feature of the Hunt; he is a good fox preserver, a keen man to hounds, and an all-round sportsman.

Mr. J.
Brown.



Richard.

John.

Arthur.

William.

THE MESSRS. BROWN.

Perhaps one of the best-known figures in the Southdown Hunt is MR. GEORGE CHAPMAN, of Lewes. Born in 1862, he is the son of Mr. W. Chapman, of Eastbourne. Though a welter-weight he is a hard rider to hounds. Conspicuous as he is at the covert side, however, to many he is more familiar on “the road.”

Mr. G.
Chapman.

**Mr. G.
Chapman.**

For the past sixteen seasons he has run a coach from Eastbourne to Brighton, and for four seasons the "Vigilant," from London to Ascot. When Mr. Spicer gave up the London and Brighton coach, Mr. Chapman took it on with eight teams, including two galloping stages. One of the fastest galloping teams was that of six horses running between Polegate and Salmstone, a distance of five and a-half miles, which he frequently covered in seventeen minutes. He recently sold a team composed of four chestnuts for 155 guineas.

Of his hunters, probably Grasshopper, a bay gelding, 16.1, was the best. He came from Ireland, as also did Harkaway, who won the Eastbourne Hunt Cup and took second prize at Islington for weight-carrying hunters.

The Messrs. Chapman are large buyers in Ireland, exporters and importers with Europe and America, and do their own shoeing and forge work, besides making their own carriages and harness.

They have a supply of some 350 really good hunters always ready on the shortest notice.

**Mr. J. D.
Cohn.**

MR. JEFFERSON DAVIS COHN, who takes his name from his godfather, the great American Jefferson Davis, is the son of Mr. Hermann Cohn, of New Zealand, and Anita, daughter of the late Dr. Maurice Davis, J.P. for London. He was born in London on February 15th, 1880, where his earliest years were spent. His father, however at this time had a place at Addlestone, in Surrey, and it was here that Mr. Cohn, when he was quite a small boy, learnt to ride; he soon became an expert in horsemanship. At the age of nine he began his hunting experiences and enjoyed his first run with the Queen's Royal Buckhounds. For some years after, Mr. Cohn hunted regularly every Tuesday and Friday with this pack and the Old Surrey.

He was educated at the City of London School and subsequently entered a big firm of stock-brokers in the City, whereupon he dropped hunting and devoted himself mainly to finance; when he was twenty-three years of age he married Florence, the only child of Mr. Horatio Bottomley, M.P. for South Hackney.

Mr. Cohn spends most of his time in Sussex, where he and his wife are constant followers of the Eastbourne and Southdown Hunts, the last-named hounds meeting twice during the season at Mr. Cohn's house. Devoted to horses all his life, he has ridden every conceivable kind of mount, and has come to the conclusion that for a moderate weight the thoroughbred steeplechaser, well ridden, affords the finest sport in the hunting field; especially where the fences are stiff. He has ridden some well-known steeplechasers to hounds, such as Kilworth, Adamsi, and Cossock's Pride, and has also ridden his own racehorses in public at Lewes. Amongst many racehorses Mr. Cohn's name is associated with Sand Boy, Love Charm, Black Ivory, Maidenhead, Rather Dangerous, and others.

Though mainly devoting his recreation to racing, Mr. Cohn considers that hunting is the best sport in the kingdom, and as a prominent Sussex landowner he is able to state that the farmers in his neighbourhood rank as the finest sportsmen to be found in England.

He is a keen shot, motors a great deal, and is a member of all the most important racing clubs in England.



MR. J. D. COHN.

**The Hon.
Sir W.
Grantham.**

THE HON. SIR WILLIAM GRANTHAM, Justice of the King's Bench Division of the High Court, and of Barcombe Place, near Lewes, Sussex, was born on October 23rd, 1835. He is the younger son of the late Mr. George Grantham, of Barcombe Place, Sussex, and was educated at King's College School, which he had to leave on account of his delicate health, precluding him at the time from further study in any collegiate life. Like many sons of country gentlemen, the love for a horse was bred in him, and he began to ride almost as soon as he could walk. His health being completely restored, he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1863, and being awarded the studentship of the four Inns of Court as the most distinguished student of the year, he promptly spent the first year's fee

of his studentship of fifty guineas on a hunter, which he bought from George Fordham, the jockey. Fordham had had a bad fall from this mount, a beautiful half Arab, over a stiff bit of timber, and in his anger was anxious to part with him. Sir William was the fortunate purchaser, as his horse proved a decided bargain; he rode him as a hack and to hounds for many years, and found him not only a faithful servant, but a kind companion, for he would follow him about like a dog. On him he rode his circuit after he was called to the Bar, occasionally getting a day's hunting on his road from one circuit town to another. Sir William was, we believe, the last of the barristers who rode on horseback to attend Assizes.

At this time he often hunted with the Queen's Staghounds, and occasionally stole away for a day with Lord Dacre's Hertfordshire Hounds from London, as well as with the Southdown from Barcombe, then his brother's seat in Sussex.

In 1865, Sir William married, and resided in Norwood. Pressure of professional work prevented him from indulging in his favourite sport as much as he could have wished at this period, but he became a subscriber to the Old Surrey Foxhounds, and hunted with them and the Surrey Staghounds whenever he got a chance, and often entertained the latter at breakfast, giving them a turnout for their deer at Barcombe Place, when they went farther afield for their meets in the spring. On one occasion when out with them, the stag, after a long run, ran into treacherous land known as Nutley Bog, with the hounds close upon him; Sir William was leading the field at the time, and promptly jumped off his horse and proceeded to the rescue. Before, however, he could reach the hounds, they had got the stag under the water, and



Photo by Elliott and Fry SIR W. GRANTHAM.

he was drowned, and Sir William narrowly escaped drowning himself, frequently being immersed up to his neck in his struggle back. As a memento of the event, the Master of the Hunt, Mr. Mosse Robinson, had the stag's head mounted and sent to Sir William, and it is now among his trophies of the chase and forest at Barcombe Place; for Sir William, spending a part or all his Long Vacation on the moors and in the deer forests of Scotland, has many a stag's head and not a few Royals ornamenting his hall at the present time.

After he was raised to the Bench, he was fond of getting in a day's hunting in the winter, while going from one



MR. W. W. GRANTHAM AND SON.

SIR W. GRANTHAM.

circuit town to another, and once on the Midland Circuit, having the luck to be attended by a series of hunting sheriffs, he had a day with the Oakley, the Pytchley, the Quorn, and the Rufford in succession.

Sir William was fortunate enough on one occasion to pitch upon a day when the Pytchley enjoyed one of their best runs of a ten or twelve-mile point under Lord Spencer, the then Master, and though the fox beat them, they had another good run and a kill the same day, and Lord Spencer presented Sir William with the brush. This the late Lord Overston at once took from him, and subsequently sent it to him silver mounted. Sir William, after refreshing his horse and the inner man at Lord Spencer's, preparatory to a long ride home to Mr. Reginald Loder's, of Maidwell Hall, with

The Hon. Sir W. Grantham. whom he was staying, and who had splendidly mounted him, sent the following lines to Lord Spencer, which were much appreciated by the members of the Hunt:—

“Maidwell Hall,

“Dear Master,

“As I could not leave
A pasteboard, slim, behind me,
I send these lines that you may know
Your Althorp wine beguiled me.
And as I saw that noble Hall,
Those lovely views around me,
I could but think, what a lucky Pink
Was he who joined the Pytchley.
A Master kind, but firm, I find,
Is noble-hearted Spencer,
Who follows him may boast, I ween,
He's born a Pytchley fencer.
But who am I to talk like this?
My lectures are not Bampton,
I'm nothing but a circuit judge,
Whose circuit's at Northampton.

“Who having finished well his work,
His crime and causes all,
Threw off his wig and donned his spurs
To hunt from Maidwell Hall.
And though he's old and lawyer-like,
With parchment-coloured features,
And hunts the thief, he much prefers
To hunt those wily creatures.
We've had the run, the fox has won,
The day has been quite perfect,
The judge's duty yet remains
To take the jury's verdict.
Now, foreman of this jury true,
What verdict will you give, Sir?
‘We find, My Lord, of Masters all
There's none so good as Spencer.’”

It must not be supposed that circuit work was prejudiced by these hunting days, for it was only quite by chance that the various packs previously mentioned had meets in the various countries on the days and in the districts through which the learned judge had to travel from one circuit town to another, and so business and pleasure went hand in hand.

Sir William, with his son, Mr. W. W. Grantham, was mainly instrumental in establishing the Bar Point-to-Point Races in 1894. Assisted by Sir Frank Lockwood and the Hon. Mr. Justice Darling, he inaugurated the first meeting, then a very modest affair with an attendance of only a few dozen people, but now it has become one of the most popular and successful institutions of the Bar. He has always acted as judge, and never gave any dissatisfaction but on one occasion, when, after the closest possible finish, he gave his son second instead of first place, as everybody expected.

Since Mr. Justice Grantham inherited the old family home at Barcombe Place he has been a regular subscriber to the Southdown, and has followed them whenever he could find time during the Christmas vacation, and his coverts are looked upon as the surest finds in the district.

Mr. W. W. Grantham above mentioned has all his life been a keen follower of the Southdown and neighbouring packs. He has three children, two of whom, Ivor and Myrtle, give every promise of continuing the sporting reputation of the family.

Mr. J. C. Munby.

Born in 1875, the son of Mr. F. J. Munby, of York, Mr. J. CECIL MUNBY, M.R.C.V.S., was educated at Rossall School, the Yorkshire College (now the University of Leeds), and afterwards at the Royal Veterinary College, London, passing out with his degree in 1899. After further experience he became assistant to Sir Henry Simpson, of Windsor, and at his death started practice in Sussex, and coming to Lewes in 1903, was subsequently appointed veterinary surgeon to the Southdown Hunt.

Hunting with this pack whenever his business permits he has owned some useful animals, including a half-bred Arab mare and Jessey Tar, a clean-bred brown mare. Attending many racing stables his speciality has been tendon and ligament troubles in which he has been eminently successful.

One of the most ardent supporters, in the field and out, of the Southdown Hunt, is that fine sportsman, Mr. MIKE STACEY.

A welter-weight, farming some 400 odd acres, breeding and making a few hunters every season, he is one of the hardest men to hounds in the country. Born in 1866, son of Mr. James Stacey, late of Burstow



MR. M. STACEY.

Mr. M. Stacey.

Lodge Farm, Harley, he commenced hunting at thirteen years of age with the Burstow, also following the Sussex and the Warnham Staghounds. Since coming into Sussex, in 1891, he and Mrs. Stacey have been two of the most regular attendants of the Southdown Hounds.

Mr. M.
Stacey.



MRS. STACEY ON BRIAN.

He has owned many notable horses, including Robin Roan, a weight-carrier up to fifteen stone, with which he won two cups (farmers' races) at Crawley and Horsham and Southdown Hunt meetings, and ran second in two other races. Brian, an Irish gelding, 16.2, won the Southdown Farmers' Cup twice, and the Eastbourne Farmers' Cup once, was second in the Crawley and Horsham, and altogether has won six times and taken five prizes.

Rufus won two Southdown Cups, and Sir Henry won a silver cup at Brighton for weight-carrying hunters. In all, Mr. Stacey has some dozen cups, besides having many other prizes; "owner up" in all cases.

MAJOR HOWARD VYSE WELCH, of Patcham, near Brighton, comes of an old Somersetshire family; he is the son of the late Mr. John Davis Welch, and was born in 1856. In his early days, when a boy, he hunted with the Puckeridge, in the old days when that pack was under the Mastership of that excellent sportsman, Mr. Nicholas Parry. Subsequently he joined the 4th Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, and spent some seasons hunting with the various packs of Dorset, Somerset, and Devon. Later on, when quartered at Kingston-on-Thames, he became Master of the Sunbiton Beagles, hunting them himself, also following the Surrey Union, having occasional days also with the Garth, the Old Surrey, and the Queen's, until he settled down at Patcham in 1896, and took over the Brighton and Brookside Harriers. He retained this Mastership until 1907, only vacating the post for a time during the Boer War.

Major H. V.
Welch.

Major Welch is now a staunch supporter and regular follower of the Southdown. He recalls an excellent run with these hounds during the last three years—

Finding at Wick Wood, Poynings, the fox ran almost to Twineham, where he was headed and returned again to Poynings Big Wood; then he went on to Newtimber Wood, up the hill through Newtimber Holt, through Giles and up to Coney Hill, and on across the main railway line between Patcham and Witterdean. From here he ran to Hollenbury Camp, to Stanneer Park from south side, running out on the east; he was killed on St. Mary's Farm, just outside the Park; the time was 2 hours 20 minutes. There were about twelve of the field up, including, besides Major Welch, Mr. McKergow, M.F.H., Mrs. Watman, E. Robinson, Nat Page, Colonel and Miss Champion, Colonel Gorringe, Mr. W. H. Gorringe, Mr. Kennedy Megaw, Mrs. Newington (then Miss Pugh), Farmer, the huntsman, and H. Tyrell, the first whip. Farmer was hunting the hounds.

Major Welch's best horse is a little thoroughbred mare, 15.3, bought from Chichester in 1898, which he has hunted for ten seasons.



MAJOR H. V. WELCH AND THE BROOKSIDE HARRIERS.



COLONEL W. A. CARDWELL (MASTER) AND HIS FAMILY.

THE EASTBOURNE.

E. BROOKER
(Huntsman).

J. THOMAS
(First Whip).

THE EASTBOURNE.

THE country over which the Eastbourne Foxhounds now hunt is a small one, and practically consists of territory loaned by two adjoining hunts, *i.e.*, the Southdown and East Sussex, in between which it is wedged with the Eridge on its north and the sea on the south.

Started in 1891, by Mr. Freeman Thomas, of Ralton, Willingdon, with a pack made up with drafts from the Quorn, Crawley and Horsham, Chiddingfold, and Southdown kennels, it then consisted of some twenty-eight couples of bitch hounds, with Brooker as huntsman, from the West Norfolk, John Hammet as first whip, and Loder second.

There was a guarantee to the Master of £800 per annum, the Committee paying the "poultry," "finds," and "litter" outgoings. The kennels were lent by Mr. Wallis, and their opening meet took place at the Master's, at Ralton, November, 1891.

Mr. Freeman Thomas, M.P., whose grandfather was Master of the Southdown in 1843, and whose brother-in-law, the Hon. T. A. Brassey, was Master of the East Sussex for some years, threw himself heart and soul into the arduous duties of an M.F.H., encouraging the tenant farmers and covert owners to preserve foxes with great success, and showing an immense amount of sport during his tenure of office. He was ably assisted in his duties by the following gentlemen, who served on the Hunt Committee, and who, needless to say, were not only all good sportsmen but good men to hounds:—The Marquess of Hartington (late Duke of Devonshire), Chairman; Vice-Chairman: Mr. George Homewood; Members: Lieut.-Colonel Cardwell, Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G., Mr. Carew Davis Gilbert, Mr. J. E. A. Gwynne, Mr. Cecil Long, Mr. J. A. Maitland, Mr. F. H. Scott, Lieut.-Colonel W. Taylor, Mr. Freeman Thomas, M.F.H., Mr. W. L. Wallis, Mr. G. A. Walker, and Mr. A. B. Wrangham. The Secretary was Mr. H. H. Coles.

Mr. Freeman Thomas, having been called abroad in 1895, resigned the Mastership of the pack, and was succeeded by Colonel Cardwell in that year, who has retained the position up to the present date, keeping Brooker as his huntsman. He has shown some extraordinarily good sport, and perhaps some of the best runs that have taken place in the Eastbourne country were in the latter part of his reign as Master.

In 1906 one memorable run took place of over 2 hours 30 minutes' duration, when they found at Abbot's Wood, close to Hailsham, and ran right into Newhaven town, where they lost him, a good twelve-mile point, but infinitely further as hounds ran. It speaks well for the ladies of the Hunt that out of the very few who were up at the finish, seven in all, including two Hunt servants, both Miss Cardwell and Miss Maude were present. They, with Mr. Stapley and Mr. Hugh Cardwell and one other, composed the field in at the finish.

Another really good sporting run was from a find near Heathfield; running through Rushlake Green in a south-easterly direction, they kept on for Ashburnham Park, in the East Sussex country; then swinging due south, headed for Hooe, Cinden, and Bexhill Common; doubling back from the sea, the fox went westward and to ground at Little Common, where, being in a neighbour's country, hounds were robbed of the blood they so richly deserved. The time was three hours. It was a steady hunt, with catchy scent, now and again very fast.

Amongst the best supporters of the Eastbourne Hunt, besides those whose notes appear in the biographical section, must be mentioned Messrs. J. Gosden, Roland Gwynne, Wallis, Gorringe, George Mercer, W. E. Marshall, Golding, M.R.C.V.S., Perry, M.R.C.V.S., Freeman Thomas, Davis Gilbert, Miss J. Crosbey, and Colonel Thompson, etc.

When Colonel Cardwell took over hounds from Mr. Freeman Thomas in 1895, he purchased the pack from the late Master, and leased the present kennels from Mr. Wallis. He has gone in for improving the standard of his pack, year by year, largely using the Belvoir kennels, whilst

a conspicuous feature in, not only the Eastbourne, but also neighbouring packs, is the strong liking shown for the Essex, East Essex, and Essex and Suffolk strains. Later on, in the kennels of the Eastbourne, Ireland furnished another cross with the Wexford kennels, and the adjoining Southdown Boaster has also been requisitioned. In using the latter they have obtained the back strains of that celebrated stud hound, the Tickham Nestor, and further back to East Essex, Brocklesby, and Warwick blood—all strains of the best type.

In the 1907-08 season the veteran huntsman Brooker retired. Mr. Stapley, of The Goffs, Bourne Side, Eastbourne, who has acted as Honorary Secretary since 1899, became Joint-Master with Colonel Cardwell, and hunted the hounds himself, with J. Turner as kennel huntsman and first whip, and H. Trueman second whip.

Although their young entry only consisted of four couples, owing to bad luck with the puppies at walk, they were, on the whole, a useful little lot, on the small side perhaps, and their three best were by the same sire, Belvoir Galloper—Benefit, by the East Essex Bonnyfield. The pack at present consists of twenty-eight couples of bitches, fairly even in colour and useful in substance, and conspicuous amongst them is Hasty, a lemon-tan bitch by the Essex Warbler—the Essex Hasty, with excellent bone, loins, and room. It is generally held that the bitch packs are more suitable to this country than the dog. Lighter in character all round, they are not so easily cut about and bruised, and, it is thought, have more “drive” and flash than that of the opposite sex. Wonderfully musical is their reputation, and if by chance now and again, in their eagerness for blood, they over-run a line, they appear equally quick in picking it up again, and carrying it on with renewed vigour, and no doubt experience has shown in this country that the big hound is out of place, and hence, as a rule, conspicuous by its absence.

The country is a varied one, consisting of open downs on the one side and deep woodlands on the other, and consequently the type of hound necessary in the one varies in the requirements of the other, and the same may be said of the stable.

Mr. F. F.
Thomas—
Master,
1891-95.

The Freeman Thomas family come of an old and respected stock. Thomas Freeman, of Antigua, the son of Arthur Freeman, of London, left four sons, and his grandson, Inigo Freeman, of Ratton and Yapton, who was born January 25th, 1767, was a J.P., D.L., and B.A. of Magdalen College, Oxford, and M.P. for Weobley. Upon succeeding to the estates of his maternal uncle, Sir William Thomas, Baronet, of Yapton, he assumed the surname of Thomas, in lieu of his patronymic of Freeman, by Royal Licence in 1786.

MR. FREEMAN FREEMAN THOMAS, of Ratton and Yapton, Sussex, who was born September 12th, 1866, and, succeeding his father in 1868, was educated at Eton and Cambridge University. He is a J.P. for his county and major of the Sussex Imperial Yeomanry; late captain of the Sussex Artillery; late A.D.C. to Lord Brassey, when Governor of Victoria; and M.P. for Hastings 1900-06, and for Bodmin since that date. He married, July 20th, the Hon. Marie Adelaide, daughter of Thomas, first Baron Brassey.

Sport and pastime came to Mr. Freeman Thomas as a family heritage. While at Eton he was a “dry-bob,” and played both for the college eleven at Lords and also represented his University in the cricket eleven. His grandfather had been the first Master of the Southdown,

when that pack assumed its present name, in the year 1843. It was, therefore, fitting that Mr. Freeman Thomas should take over the pack which hunted a part of the same country. Upon being approached, Mr. Freeman Thomas at once consented to accept the cares of office, and kennels were built on an excellent situation, under the Downs, near the old town. Fortunately foxes were plentiful, and Mr. Freeman Thomas showed first-class sport until 1895, when he was succeeded by the present Master, Colonel W. A. Cardwell.



MR. F. FREEMAN THOMAS.

Colonel W. A. Cardwell's foxhunting experiences cover a period of just half a century, for he commenced to follow hounds in 1856. COLONEL WILLIAM ALEXANDER CARDWELL, son of the late Mr. Thomas Cardwell, of Park Street, Grosvenor Square, was born in 1817, and when nine years old was blooded with the Southdown, when Mr. Donovan held office. During these early years the young enthusiast took advantage of every opportunity of attending the meets, and before he was fifteen had participated in many memorable runs.

In 1862 he went to Harrow, but after two years his health broke down, and, under medical orders, he left school and travelled on the Continent. Returning to England in 1869, he went to St. John's College, Oxford, and became Master of the University Draghounds. Besides distinguishing himself in the hunting field, Colonel Cardwell in those days shone no less brilliantly in other outdoor pursuits, and we find that he was a member of the Bullingdon Club, was in his College Cricket Eleven, and steered his College Eight. As a light-weight at Oxford he was victorious in many college "grinds." In his University days also he rode in several of the Inter-Varsity Steeplechases at Aylesbury.

In his younger days Colonel Cardwell hunted with the Quorn, Bicester, Duke of Beaufort's, and Vale of White Horse. Residing on the South Coast, he has devoted himself mainly, however, to hunting with the Southdown, East Sussex, and, of course, his own pack, of which he has been Master since 1895. The Devon and Somerset, and the Quantock, Staghounds also claim his attention in August and September every year.

Of the many horses which Colonel Cardwell has owned the most prominent was a mare named The Kitten, on whom he won many steeplechases in his younger days. He won the Sussex Farmers' Hunt Cup at Polegate, on a horse belonging to the late Mr. Paxton, named Drummer Boy.

Our subject married, in 1872, a daughter of the late Sir B. C. Brodie, Baronet, of Brockham Warren, Betchworth, and his family of four daughters and two sons all inherit their father's love of sport, and they hunt regularly with the Eastbourne Hounds.

Colonel Cardwell lives at The Moat Croft, Eastbourne, and is a member of the Windham Club.

Born in March, 1872, MR. THOMAS K. STAPLEY, of Eastbourne, is the son of the late Mr. Henry Stapley, who resided in West Sussex. The Crawley and Horsham was, therefore, the first pack with which Mr. Stapley learnt to hunt, his experiences being widened by days with the neighbouring packs. In 1889 he took up his residence in Eastbourne, and became a regular follower of that pack, subsequently taking over the duties of Secretary of the Hunt in 1900. This position he still holds, in addition to hunting the hounds himself, and in 1908 assumed the Joint-Mastership with Colonel Cardwell.

Mr. Stapley's stud has been one for many years containing the best of material, and he has rode in and won many local steeplechases, going in for as nearly clean-bred stock as he can get. A hard rider to hounds, he is very keen on their work. The Joint-Mastership with such a thorough sportsman as Colonel Cardwell is bound to have the most satisfactory results.

Col. W. A.
Cardwell
—present
Joint-
Master.



COLONEL W. A. CARDWELL.



Photo by Elliott and Fry. MR. T. K. STAPLEY.

Mr. T. K.
Stapley
—present
Joint-
Master.

Mr. A. B. Campbell.

MR. ALEXANDER BOSWELL CAMPBELL comes of an old hunting stock, and, like his forefathers, was "entered to hare." It is a notable fact, too, that he has stuck to the same quarry ever since, and is now Master of the Hailsham Hounds, the largest pack of harriers in the kingdom. Born June 19th, 1877, he is the son of the late Mr. Bruce Campbell, of The Park, Nottingham, and Burquharnie, Ayrshire, barrister-at-law. Educated at Cheltenham, Mr. Campbell adopted the legal profession. The calls of sport have, however, always touched a responsive chord in him, and it was as a boy of six that he first hunted with beagles. Foxhounds followed as a matter of course, chiefly in the southern countries, including the East Sussex, Eastbourne, and neighbouring packs.

Taking up his residence at Priesthaus, Hankham, Sussex, in 1902, he, shortly after his arrival, accepted the Mastership of the Hailsham Harriers, a position which he has retained with increasing popularity, not only on account of the good sport he shows, but the geniality of his manner. When not hunting his own pack he follows the East Sussex and Eastbourne.

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MR. A. B. CAMPBELL.

Mr. R. Gwynne.

The prospective candidate for Parliament, in the

Conservative interest, of the Eastbourne Division of Sussex, is a native of that county, and an all-round sportsman who has devoted most of his hunting days to the Eastbourne and Southdown Foxhounds.



MR. R. GWYNNE.

Born in 1873, MR. RUPERT GWYNNE, of Wootton, Polegate, is the son of Mr. J. E. A. Gwynne, of Folkington Manor, Polegate. Educated at Shrewsbury, and Pembroke College, Cambridge, he was subsequently called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 1898. To the sporting members of that profession he is well known as thrice winner of the Bar Point-to-Point on Pandeen, an Irish horse, bred in Kildare, out of a Red Wine mare, with whom he also won the Southdown Open Race and the Eastbourne Hunt Cup three times. On Shamus, also winner of the latter cup, he ran third three times in the Bar Heavy-Weight Race.

Mr. Gwynne has spent various periods hunting with many English and Irish packs, besides those in Sussex. He is a member of the Bachelors' Club.

Mr. R. B. Hassell.

MR. RICHARD B. HASSELL, of Tanners Manor, Horeham Road, Sussex, a member and consistent supporter of the Eastbourne, is one of the largest landowners in the northern territory of the Hunt. He is also a landowner in the neighbouring countries of the East Sussex and the Southdown. He is a major in the Royal Field Artillery Reserve, and a keen hunting man. As a member of the Cuckmere Fishery District Board, and an owner of streams, he is a staunch preserver of otters.

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THE EAST SUSSEX.

OF the origin of the present Hunt historians differ considerably. Two correspondents of the *Sporting Magazine* of 1830 have accounts of the East and West Sussex packs, and draw inferences therein that both these countries were established in or about the year 1812. It was here suggested that Sussex was an excellent county for breeding hounds, although apparently since that date it has generally been a source of great trouble that the bone did not develop sufficiently. Of the West Sussex (Colonel Wyndham's), "Dashwood" and "Nin South" (two correspondents) say, "The bitch pack is quite a beau-ideal lot; I cannot fancy anything superior to them, with their fairy-like symmetry and elegance. They possess great strength, and as to legs and feet, I have scarcely ever seen a better display."

"Nin South," at the same time, speaking of the East Sussex, is not very complimentary over the members of the Hunt as regards their clothes, and makes them out to be a very rough-and-ready lot, but of the hounds he says, "They may have no pretensions to be called a crack pack, but they are far better than the average, and admirably suited for the country." The kennels at this period were at Ringmer Green, and a Mr. Charles Craven was the Master. This spot being the headquarters of the Southdown to-day, it is obvious that the division of these packs took place subsequently to that date—although later on it appears that the Southdown country included Battle. After Mr. Charles Craven, Mr. King-Sampson (about 1848), Mr. Green and Mr. Wagner in turns hunted the country, Mr. King-Sampson had one Brookes as his huntsman.

But in 1853, Sir Godfrey Webster, who up to the present has been recognized as the first Master of the East Sussex Foxhounds, with Bob Child as his huntsman, laid the foundation of the present pack. He only had them one season, and during his tenure of office

his kennels were burnt down and temporary ones used at Marley Farm. The pack was really got together by a Committee, which included the following gentlemen: Mr. William Watts and Mr. Charles Watts, Sir Anselm Ashburnham, Sir Godfrey Webster, Mr. H. M. Curteis, and Mr. Vandeleen Crake.

During the year 1854, Mr. H. Mascall Curteis joined the Hunt for the first time, and in the same summer was elected Master, building two sets of kennels, one at his residence, Windmill Hill, and the other at Peasmarsh, near Rye. He held the Mastership for fourteen seasons, having with him Bob Childs for nine and John Harrison for the subsequent five seasons as huntsmen. Mr. Lywood, from Hampshire, then took over the pack for two seasons; he had the reputation of being a wonderful horseman, and engaged Pat Dalton as kennel huntsman. Mr. Lywood carried the horn himself and had as his second whip J. Harrison, who returned to the pack in that capacity.

In 1870, commenced the Joint-Mastership of Mr. W. E. M. Watts and Mr. Egerton, with Tom Hastings as huntsman; Mr. Watts retired after two seasons and left Mr. Egerton in sole command, he later having replaced Hastings with Fred. Gansden as huntsman.



MR. JAMES WATTS.



MR. W. E. M. WATTS.

Mr. Egerton purchased some twenty couples of hounds from the Committee in 1872, supplementing them with drafts from other packs, and on his resignation, in 1875, the late Mr. Talbot bought the bitches, about fifteen couples, for Glamorganshire, and Mr. (now Colonel) Frewen bought the dog hounds. In 1875, Mr. Frewen succeeded Mr. Egerton, hunting hounds himself, with Rofley as kennel huntsman for three seasons and G. Morgan for the remainder of his term, which expired in 1882.

In the same year Lord Brassey became Master, appointing Sir Anchtel Ashburnham as his Field-Master and George Morgan as huntsman. In 1881, Lord Brassey resigned and sold the pack for £1,000. Mr. Egerton returned, having Will Orvis as his huntsman for eight seasons, and R. Yeo for one. Mr. Egerton continued to hunt the pack three days a week. On his resignation the hounds were sold to a Committee, being divided into eight shares, of which Mr. Egerton retained two.

Mr. Phillip Barthropp, in 1893, had them one season only, with Babbage as his huntsman and Tom Bell as his whip; the latter is now kennel huntsman to the Suffolk.

Mr. Barthropp was succeeded by Mr. J. C. Munro, who held the Mastership for five seasons, hunting hounds himself with George Morgan as kennel huntsman. On December 2nd, 1899, the country sustained a great loss by the death of one of the finest old English sportsmen that ever lived, Sir Anchtel Ashburnham. He was Honorary Secretary to the Hunt for over forty years, and it was largely due to him that the various crises in the history of the Hunt were successfully tided over. In 1850 he was Master of his own pack of harriers, hunting them himself over Fairlight, Guestling, and Pett countries, and in 1853, when the East Sussex were re-established, he gave up his harriers and did all he could to help the Hunt. He engaged a man by name Barden, who is still going, to look after the foxes quite separately to the preservation of game. A keen cricketer, he played many a game for the Old East Sussex Club at Bo-Peep, and was a great supporter of the Hastings Club cricket week. As a shot he was unsurpassed except by his old friend Mr. William Watts; a J.P. and County Councillor, and agent to two big estates (the Duke of Cleveland and Lord Brassey's), he was a thoroughly busy man all through life. His funeral was attended by everyone of every class; drawn to his grave in his own broad-wheeled wagon by four horses, accompanied by his labourers in smock frocks, he was buried in the churchyard at Broomham Park, the last of those who helped to establish the East Sussex Foxhounds.



SIR ANCHTEL ASHBURNHAM.

Preceding Sir Anchtel Ashburnham by only a few months was his old friend and crony Mr. William E. M. Watts, who died May 12th of the same year. Master of the East Sussex conjointly with Mr. Egerton, member of the Committee which was instrumental in re-establishing the pack in 1853, he hunted with the East Sussex up to the year of his death. He was the son of Mr. James Watts, surgeon of Battle, who had, in his day, been a constant follower of the East Sussex up to the age of 75, when he met with a fall in the field from which he never recovered, though he lived to see his ninetieth birthday, dying in 1880.



MR. W. E. M. WATTS AND SIR A. ASHBURNHAM.

Of Mr. William Watts, it may be said that he was one of the finest sportsmen in the county; living in his native town of Battle, he gave his best support to foxhounds and harriers; a great supporter of local steeplechases, he generally had one or two running, and could number amongst his successes the East Sussex Hunt Cup in Hurstmonceaux Park in 1863, with Kathleen; the Southdown Hunt Cup at Ringmer with Limerick; and the Eastbourne Hunt Cup on the Beachy Head Course with The Widow. Much as he prized these trophies, the victory that gave him the most satisfaction was, when on April 3rd, 1862, at the end of the day's hunting, a sweepstake was got up and run off on the farm (now covered by bricks and mortar) of the late Squire Brooke's, at Bexhill, in which his mare Kathleen, with Mr. William Hine-Haycock up, cantered past the judge a winner from seven opponents.

On the resignation of Mr. J. C. Munro, Sir Archibald Lamb, during the interval of the East Sussex Hunt Steeplechases at Cotsfield, on behalf of the members and subscribers, presented Mr. Munro, "In appreciation of the able and sportsmanlike manner in which he had hunted the country," with a massive silver salver and silver hunting horn; engraved on the former were the words, "Presented to Mr. John C. Munro by his friends of the East Sussex Hunt, in remembrance of many good days' sport during his Mastership, 1894-99."

On the same day Mr. Munro's Dutch Senora won the Hunt Cup, Mr. Munro having the hearty good wishes for a good time in his new country the Albrighton.

In 1899, Mr. T. A. Brassey and Mr. Charles Egerton became Joint-Masters, the latter retiring in 1902, leaving Mr. Brassey in sole command.

On Mr. Egerton's resignation he was presented by the Hunt with a very handsome portrait in oils by Sydney Hodges. He was also given on his wedding day a cigar cabinet by the ladies of the Hunt, and a silver salver by the gentlemen. Mr. Brassey hunted the pack only two days a week instead of three, and it was found necessary to reduce the kennel. Lord Leconfield had the pick of four couples of doghounds, four couples of bitches, and the same number of young hounds, for which he gave £50 per couple. This, of itself, speaks well of the East Sussex kennel at that period, thanks being mainly due to the purchase by Mr. Egerton of the Bicester Roman from Tom Furr as a stallion hound; Roman being out of Rampant, was largely used in all the South Country packs. Mr. Brassey hunted the pack with George Morgan as huntsman. When he resigned, George Morgan retired from active service after a long and successful career.

In 1906, Mr. Neven-Du-Mont, the present Master succeeded, bringing in Fred. Reeves, as his huntsman, stocking the country, which had been decimated by mange, and importing fresh blood of the very best he could obtain for the kennels, including Pilgrim and Drover, for the latter of which he gave £80.

The family of Curteis has been long settled in the home counties of England. Originally coming into prominence in Kent, they possessed much property in that county and elsewhere during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Thomas Curteys, of Appledore (such was then the spelling of the name), was a great-grandson of Stephen Curteys. He married Joan, daughter and co-heiress of Edward Twaights, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, *temp.* Henry VII. and Henry VIII. He died in 1527, and from him the present head of the family is descended.

Mr. H. M. Curteis
—Master,
1854-68.

HERBERT MASCALL CURTEIS, of Windmill Hill, and Hurstmonceaux Place, Sussex, was born at Florence, January 8th, 1823, was M.P. for Rye, 1847-52, and succeeded his father in 1847. Mr. Curteis, who succeeded Sir Augustus Webster, in what is now known as the East Sussex country, in 1854, was in reality hunting the Old East Sussex country. Thus in the *Sporting Magazine*, of 1823, "Nimrod" writes on the following day (February 26th), "I met the East Sussex subscription pack at Clayton Cross, six miles from Brighton." Although he saw a fox killed he did not think much of the pack. "Still, handsome is that handsome does," he writes. "They found their foxes where there were any to be found; and killed the one they settled to in gallant style. In drawing they were certainly unsteady, but they are a young pack of only three years' standing." Mr. Mascall Curteis, with what may be termed the resuscitated pack, did things on a far better scale, showing excellent sport for fourteen seasons. He resigned in 1868, and died on June 16th, 1895.

MR. CHARLES A. EGERTON, of Mountfield Court, Robertsbridge, Sussex, is the son of the late Mr. E. C. Egerton, M.P. for East Cheshire; he was born on August 24th, 1846, and educated at Harrow, and Christ Church College, Oxford. His love of hunting dates from his boyhood, and when at Oxford he was Master of the Christ Church Harriers, following Lord Galway and preceding Colonel Rolleston. It is worth noting as a curious coincidence, that not many years later these three gentlemen were Masters of Foxhounds in Nottinghamshire, in the same sequence, taking a line from north to south. Leaving the East Sussex he, in 1875, accepted the Mastership of the Rufford, of the Hunt Committee of which pack his uncle, Lord Manvers, was Chairman, and one of the principal landowners in the district. The meets were increased to four days a week, to allow of the Derbyshire

Mr. C. A. Egerton
—Master,
1870-72;
1884-93;
and
1899-1902.

Mr. C. A.
Egerton.

side being adequately hunted. This district, which is now completely in the grip of coalpits and railways, was in those days a charming grass country, and held plenty of foxes. Mr. Egerton gave up the Mastership of the Rufford in 1880.

From 1880 to 1881, Mr. Egerton had no hounds, but in the latter year he resumed the Mastership of the East Sussex, succeeding Lord Brassey, his future father-in-law. On his return he bought the late Mr. Harvey Combes' two days a week pack, which he supplemented with large drafts from his old pack, the Rufford; he was also lucky enough to obtain the young and old draft of the Warwickshire from the late Lord Willoughby de Broke.



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MR. C. A. EGERTON.

Mr. Egerton held his second Mastership of the East Sussex for nine seasons and also acted as Field-Master for Mr. J. C. Munro, the late Master of the Atherstone, during the five years (1891-99) he had the "E.S.H." He then became Joint-Master with his brother-in-law, the Hon. T. A. Brassey, for two years, retiring in 1902; during the remainder of Mr. Brassey's Mastership, he still, however, acted as Field-Master in the latter's absence.

Mr. Egerton is a member of the Turf, the Travellers', and Bath Clubs; he has for many years been a member of the National Hunt Committee, and is interested in nearly all field sports. He was well known as a cross-country rider, having done a considerable amount of steeplechasing. When Master of the East Sussex he rode the winners of three races at their local meeting in 1871, riding at eleven stone; and in the year that he retired won four of the Hunt races with two horses, each horse winning twice. His most famous horse was St. Aubyn, who won the big Croydon Steeplechase of 800 sovereigns.

Colonel E.
Frewen
—Master,
1875-82.

COLONEL EDWARD FREWEN, "Squire of Northiam," a beautiful old-world village in the heart of Sussex, has crowded plenty of sport into an eventful career. Born in July, 1850, he is the son of the late Mr. Thomas Frewen, of Brickwall, Northiam, Sussex, and Cold Overton Hall, Leicestershire, who was M.P. for South Leicestershire. Educated privately, he graduated at Cambridge University.

While at his tutor's in Suffolk, he first showed his appreciation of the chase by keeping a pack of beagles, and on going to Cambridge became an earnest participant in most of the sports the University afforded. Returning to the parental seat at Northiam, he assiduously followed the surrounding packs, and there are few good ones with which he has not seen sport.

From 1872 to 1875 he kept a private pack of staghounds, hunting in the East Sussex country; and when, in the latter year, Mr. C. A. Egerton resigned the Mastership of the East Sussex Foxhounds, Colonel Frewen was requested, and consented, to take the head of affairs, a position which he held for seven years, during which period he was not only a popular Master, but his own huntsman, killing in his last two seasons a record number of foxes.

On giving up the East Sussex Hounds he sold the pack at Rugby, the amount realized being nearly £1,000. He then went to live on his property in the Cottesmore country and hunted with the Leicestershire packs for five seasons.

For thirty-seven years he has served as an officer in the East Kent Yeomanry, and was with them through the South African Campaign. He is now colonel commanding the regiment. In the seventies he had a most successful time with his horses, under National Hunt Rules, two of them, Exning and Cavaliero, alone winning forty-five races; his most successful jockey was the Hon. E. P. Willoughby.



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COLONEL E. FREWEN.

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M^r. L. Nieu Du Mont.

Colonel Frewen is an all-round sportsman, and has had his share of big-game shooting when abroad. His family, like himself, are hunting enthusiasts. A member of the Carlton Club, he resides at his seat, Brickwall, Northiam, Sussex.

Colonel E.
Frewen.

MAJOR THE HON. THOMAS ALLNUTT BRASSEY is the eldest son of the first Baron Brassey. Born March 7th, 1863, he was educated at Eton, and Balliol College, Oxford, and in 1889 married Lady Idina Nevill, daughter of the first Marquess of Abergavenny. He was Assistant Private Secretary to Earl Spencer when first Lord of the Admiralty, and Assistant Secretary to the Royal Commission on Opium 1891; he raised the 69th Sussex Company Imperial Yeomanry, for service in South Africa, and was First Acting Commissioner of Pretoria in 1900. He is an M.A. and Honorary Fellow of Balliol College, and Commander of the Crown of Italy.

Major the
Hon. T. A.
Brassey
—Master,
1899-1906.

Although, as will be seen from the foregoing notes, Major Brassey is essentially a man of affairs, he has been by no means a laggard as far as sport is concerned. Hunting, shooting (more especially deerstalking), and yachting have occupied his attention, but the noble science comes foremost in his regard. He rode in the grinds at Aylesbury and elsewhere while at Oxford, and in the eighties and nineties he competed frequently in the East Sussex Hunt Steeplechases, and won in 1883, being second more than once for the Hunt Cup. In 1908 he was second in the East Sussex Hunt and Bexhill Harriers' Point-to-Point Light-Weight Race on Lady Idina Brassey's Vanity Fair.

The East Sussex has been the chief attraction to Mr. Brassey during his hunting career, and in 1899 he became Master, assisted by his brother-in-law Mr. C. A. Egerton, until 1902, when Mr. Brassey took over the sole responsibility until 1906.

When away from home Mr. Brassey has hunted mainly with the Heythrop, Bicester, and Grafton, and occasionally with the Pytchley, Woodland Pytchley, Fitzwilliam, Belvoir, West Kent, and Eridge; he resides at Park Gate, Battle, Sussex.

MR. AUGUSTUS NEVEN-DU-MONT holds the record of being the only German-born Master of Foxhounds in the United Kingdom. The son of Mr. Augustus Neven-Du-Mont, he was born on September 3rd, 1868, in Cologne, and educated in Germany. On leaving school, he studied Art, and has since painted a large number of pictures, exhibiting at the principal galleries both in London, Paris, Germany, and Italy for the past ten years. He is a member of the Committee of several important Art societies, such as the International Society of Sculptors, Painters, and Gravers. Mr. Neven-Du-Mont is a captain of the reserve of the German 5th Lancers and had a good deal of hunting in Germany before he came to live in England in 1895. His hunting in this country began with Lord Portman's Hounds, which pack he followed assiduously until 1902, when he took the Manor House at Bexhill and followed the Bexhill Harriers and the East Sussex Foxhounds, the Mastership of which he accepted in 1906, and still continues to hunt the pack, showing excellent sport.

Mr. A.
Neven-Du-
Mont
—present
Master.

It must be stated that the kennels have greatly improved under his supervision and now consist of thirty-five couples of hounds, ten of which are his own property. A careful examination of the hounds shows the extraordinary success with which his endeavours to get together both a working and symmetrical pack have been crowned. In order to gain his desired end at any cost, fresh blood, good stallion hounds and bitches, have been imported, and judging by the stock already produced in a short time, his ambitions seem likely to be realized and the success which his efforts deserve attained on the benches.

The young entry are very typical of the sire so largely used, which was purchased some two years ago from the Essex and Suffolk, namely Pilgrim, by Essex and Suffolk Benedict—Essex and Suffolk Parody.

It may confidently be asserted that this hound has been the mainstay of the kennel, for out of twelve couples of this season six couples are from him. Mr. Neven-Du-Mont owns some excellent hunters, among whom we may mention Mariner as an example of the quality of his stud. Most of his horses have been Irish. Galway and Paddy are two of the breed of whom he thinks highly, and on whom he won some point-to-point races at Cooden near Bexhill in 1908.

Mr. A.
Neven-Du-
Mont.

Mr. Neven-Du-Mont is a keen polo player, being chiefly known at Ranelagh, Rochampton, Kinsbury, and Eden Park; he has given up his social clubs, except the Wellington, and otherwise belongs to sporting clubs only. His house in town is at 21, Cromwell Road, S.W.

Sir A. Ash-
burnham-
Clement,
Bt.
Hon. Sec.

Intimately connected with the history of Sussex and the chase in the county, SIR ANCHITEL ASHBURNHAM-CLEMENT has more especially associated himself with the East Sussex Hounds.

The family of which he is a collateral branch derives its name from Ashburnham, anciently Esseburnham (a hamlet situated on the Ashburn, a small stream in Sussex, mentioned in Drayton's *Polygobion*), is described by Fuller in his *Worthies* as "a family of stupendous antiquity"; and Nisbet adds that it is one of the "ancientest" families in England which can be instructed to have been of good account in England before the Conquest.

Sir Anchitel Piers Ashburnham-Clement, ninth Baronet, was born on August 22nd, 1861, and educated at a private school. He succeeded his father, Sir Anchitel Ashburnham in 1899, and assumed in the same year the additional surname of Clement by Royal Licence. He is a co-heir to the Barony of Grandison, and married, in 1895, Elizabeth Ellen, daughter of the late Mr. George Burry Clement, of Silverhill House, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Sir Anchitel early identified himself with the chase, and as opportunities have occurred he has done yeoman service both in the field and out, working energetically in the interests of the East Sussex, in which he has been assisted by Lady Ashburnham-Clement. In 1899 he accepted the Honorary Secretaryship, which he has since retained.

Although not living upon his estate at Broomham, the traditions of the family are still kept up there, foxes being the first care rather than game.

When the mange was rampant in the country from 1901 to 1906, he took a large share in first ridding the parts infected by the scourge, and then in restocking his own coverts, with the happy result that the plague has now abated and hunting is again practicable.

Lady Ashburnham-Clement is of one mind with her husband and has been a diligent follower of the East Sussex for over a decade. For this reason their popularity is added to. Perhaps of the several good hunters owned by her Ladyship, Cheroot stood as her favourite. Boyne is now the first call and the subject of the present illustration with her Ladyship in the saddle. Sir Anchitel is mounted on his well-known timber jumper All Four, who is now starting his thirteenth season.

He is a very keen shot, but foxes are his first care.

Mr. H.T.
Simmons
—Assist.
Hon. Sec.



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MR. H. T. SIMMONS.

A gentleman farmer, MR. HENRY THOMAS SIMMONS is one of the class whom the M.F.H. delights to honour, as he not only owns land but encourages all other sportsmen to join him in hunting over it. Born in 1857 he is a descendant of that Mr. Robert Dendney whose name is still famous in the hunting lore of Sussex. Educated privately, he afterwards turned his attention to farming, and is now the owner of land in Sussex and Kent, being in the latter county a hop grower. Early

experiences of hunting were as a little boy of ten with the East Sussex, which pack he has followed regularly since 1877. Appointed Honorary Assistant Secretary in 1893 he still holds this office.



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SIR ANCHITEL AND LADY ASHBURNHAM-CLEMENT.

Of several good hunters owned by him his favourite beyond question was Merry Heart, who was hunted from 1887 to 1902, and it is over this *nom de plume* that Mr. Simmons contributes to *The Field* and the local press. He resides at Wychnour, Battle, Sussex.

Mr. H. T. Simmons.

MR. A. C. BURTON, M.R.C.V.S., who was born in 1876, is a son of the late Mr. S. Burton, M.R.C.V.S., of Torquay. In 1898 he took his degree in Edinburgh, and started business in Torquay. Subsequently moving to East Sussex in 1903, he commenced practising at Battle, where he bears the reputation of being a first-class practitioner. His first experience of hunting was gained with the South Devon, Dartmoor, and the Dartvale Hounds; he is now a regular follower of the East Sussex, and is acknowledged to be one of the best men over a country in the Hunt. Among the good horses he has owned, one of the best was Ginger, a chestnut cob, and winner of jumping prizes in the show ring at the Paignton and many other agricultural shows in South Devon and at Bexhill. But Mr. Burton is probably best known on his little bay mare, Stella, formerly the property of Mr. Clifton Mausell.

Mr. A. C. Burton.



Mr. H. R. Dunn.

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MR. A. C. BURTON.

MR. HENRY ROBERTS DUNN was born in 1880, and is the son of the late Mr. Henry Le Mesurier Dunn. Mr. H. R. Dunn is keenly interested in matters relating to the Hunt; he owns about 100 acres of fox coverts in the East Sussex country, and is a follower of the Bexhill Harriers.

He is a captain in the 2nd Home Counties Brigade, R.F.A., and lives at Borezall, Bexhill-on-Sea.

MESSRS. H. C. and E. G. HOLLEBONE, sons of Mr. Charles Hollebone, were born in 1878 and 1883 respectively, and educated at Charterhouse, where they both went in for football, racquets, and the rifle club, and subsequently became members of the Stock Exchange. As schoolboys they followed

Messrs. H. C. and E. G. Hollebone.



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MR. H. C. HOLLEBONE.



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MR. E. G. HOLLEBONE.

the Eastbourne, then under Colonel Cardwell, but on going to live in Sussex, in Mr. J. C. Munro's time, they have ever since been regular followers of the East Sussex.

Perhaps the best of their horses were Master Warwick and Master Wordsley, by Master McGrath, dam by L'Abbé Morin, a winner of prizes at the Hunters' Improvement Society's shows as

Messrs.
H. C. and
E. G.
Hollebone.

a two-year-old, standing 17 hands and up to 15 stone 7 lbs. The Messrs. Hollebone are fond of shooting, tennis and racquets, and belong to the Old Carthusians' Club.

Mr. R. H.
Lloyd.

Although a new arrival in the East Sussex country, Mr. R. H. LLOYD is an old hand at most kinds of sport, hunting in particular. Born in 1870, he is the son of Mr. Robert Lloyd, of Aldershot.

After leaving school he spent several years in Spokane, Washington State, and on his return first started hunting with the Garth Foxhounds and the Ripley and Knaphill Harriers, the South Berks and the "H.H." on one or two occasions putting in six days a week hunting. At that time he resided at Aldershot, and enjoyed himself with foxhounds and harriers alike, being a popular figure at the covert sides. The West Surrey Staghounds were also frequently visited, and in the old days an occasional run with the Queen's, during the existence of the two last-named packs.

Since migrating to Bexhill he has become a regular follower of the East Sussex Foxhounds; and that excellent pack of harriers under the Mastership of Mr. C. Ward Jackson (the Bexhill).



MR. R. H. LLOYD.

Mr. C. B.
Pape.

One of the six sporting sons of Mr. Edward James Pape, J.P., F.R.G.S., of Moor Hall, Ninfield, Sussex, is Mr. CECIL BEVIS PAPE (second son). Born in November, 1878, he was educated, according to family usage, at Eton, after which he entered the 21st Lancers, and served through the South

African Campaign. Upon its conclusion and the return of the forces, he turned his attention to America, where he ran a ranch, and in his leisure moments saw some fine sport with big game.

To turn more especially to our theme, hunting, however, Mr. Pape, as is usual with able men across a country, began when a child, and at sixteen years of age was numbered among the followers of the Vine. He rapidly enlarged his field of operations, however, and by the time he had reached very early manhood, had followed most of the best packs in England and Ireland; he is a familiar figure in the provinces, and is now a follower and keen supporter of the East Sussex.

His capacity under silk is as well known as under scarlet. He has many trophies, won whilst at Eton and subsequently in athletic competitions. He is a notable deerstalker, thus following the footsteps of his father, whose favourite sport it is. While in America he studied the ways of the buck jumper, even to joining in a Bronco Busting Competition at Oklahoma, where he astonished the natives by defeating their ablest men.

Mr. Pape is a member of the Bath Club.



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GROUP OF PRIZE CUPS, ETC., AT MOOR HALL.

Mr. H. R.
Pape.

MR. HAROLD R. PAPE was born in December, 1880, and educated at Eton, where he also asserted his capabilities as an athlete. He subsequently went to Christ Church, Oxford, and hunted with the Bicester and neighbouring packs. He succeeded Mr. Waldorf Astor as Master of the Drag, which he hunted for three seasons. This came naturally to him, as he commenced riding as soon as he was big enough to sit a saddle. At the same time, sport did not induce him to neglect the burning of midnight oil, and he duly took his degree.

His hunting experiences have not been confined to any particular district, for he has made a point of seeing most of our leading packs in the kingdom. When his father took up residence at Moor Hall, Battle, however, he turned most of his attention to the East Sussex and neighbouring packs, and has more particularly been a keen supporter of the last-named Hunt.



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Mr. Harold R. Tape.
Master of the Oxford Draghounds 1905-07.

As a gentleman rider he is "bad to beat," as the record of his successes shows. We append a few of his achievements:—

Mr. H. R.
Pape.

1902.

Third in the National Hunt Steeplechase of £1,000 at Warwick.
Third in the Great Staffordshire Steeplechase of £500 at Wolverhampton.
Second in the Leamington Handicap Steeplechase at Warwick.

1903.

Sixth (after falling) in the National Hunt Steeplechase of £1,000 at Warwick.
Winner of the Varsity Grind, Stratton Audley.
Winner of the Oxford and Cambridge Point-to-Point at Leighton Buzzard.
Second in the Folkestone Handicap Steeplechase.

1904.

Second in the Foxhunter's Plate at Cheltenham.
Winner of the Oxford University Sweepstakes at Moreton-in-Marsh.
Winner of the Foxhunter's Steeplechase at Banbury.
Winner of the Hunter's Steeplechase at Southwell.
Winner of the Oxford and Cambridge Point-to-Point at Kineton.

Mr. Harold Pape's first horse was Ballyooar, a faithful friend for many years, who carried him to victory on many occasions.

Ballyooar was originally discovered between the shafts of an Irish car in Dublin, and was first seen at a point-to-point race with the Surrey Staghounds, which he won easily, leaving the rest of the field far behind; his jockey was unable to pull him up after passing the judge, and much to the astonishment of the crowd, he went on and cleared a wagonette as easily as he would have jumped a fence. It was after having accomplished this extraordinary feat that Mr. Pape became his owner. Ballyooar, after his racing career, spent the rest of his days in peace at Moor Hall, where he now occupies an honoured grave.

In common with Mr. Pape, senr., and his brothers, the subject of this memoir is a notable shot, and we may mention that the collection of heads of animals, specimens, etc., shot in various parts of the world by members of the family, are now preserved at Moor Hall.

Both Mr. Cecil and Mr. Harold Pape reside with their father at Moor Hall when not travelling in search of sport, and keep a fine string of hunters.

Coming of a good hunting stock, Mr. PHILIP HARDINGE PAPILLON, who is the son of the late Mr. Philip Oxenden Papillon, of Crowhurst Park, Sussex, was born in London on June 29th, 1873. Educated at Winchester, he, in 1893, went to Ceylon as a tea-planter, where he still owns an estate, albeit he has been in England since 1905.

He began to hunt when a boy with the East Sussex Foxhounds, being blooded in 1881 when Colonel Frewen was Master. A keen lover of the sport, he has, of course, had many days with other good packs, but has made the East Sussex his sheet anchor. When in Ceylon he kept a pack of beagles. His son follows so worthy an example, and although only ten years old manages to steer a sixteen-hand horse in first-rate style to hounds.



Mr. P. H.
Papillon

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MR. P. H. PAPILLON.

**Mr. P. H.
Papillon.**

Taking a great interest in most sports and pastimes, more especially shooting and cricket, Mr. Papillon is by no means averse to the whistle of a racing jacket, and when in Ceylon owned a racehorse or two, with whom he had his share of successes.

He is a member of the Badminton Club, and resides at Great Park House, Battle, Sussex.

**Baroness
von
Roemer.**

BARONESS VON ROEMER, wife of Baron Charles Henry von Roemer, comes of a distinguished old English hunting family, as she is the only daughter of the late Mr. Boyce Harvey Combe, and great-niece of Mr. Harvey Combe, who was Master of the Old Berkeley and the Old Berkshire in the twenties, and had for his huntsman the famous Tom Oldacre.

As becomes a lady of so illustrious a hunting family, the Baroness made her essay in the saddle early in girlhood, and soon after became a follower of the East Sussex and neighbouring packs. She is a very keen and able horsewoman, and resides at Lime Park, Hurstmonceaux, Sussex.



THE BARONESS VON ROEMER.

**Mr. C.
Ward-
Jackson.**

A believer in the theory of many of our fathers in the hunting field, that a man should understand both fox and hare, Mr. CLAUDE WARD-JACKSON, Master of the Bexhill Harriers, still follows both. Born in the year 1871, a grandson of John Jackson, R.A., he showed in his youth considerable artistic talent, but followed no particular profession; he was educated privately, and has always been a man of affairs and a busy one. Devoted to hunting, he has followed the Garth, North Warwickshire, Eastbourne, East Sussex, and many other packs, and at present resides in the country hunted by the last named. His family residence is Woodside, Hailsham, Sussex, but in 1906 he migrated to Cooden Mount, Bexhill, as being a more convenient position from which to hunt the Bexhill Harriers.



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MR. C. WARD-JACKSON.

He has owned some very useful hunters and show jumpers. In the latter category his best was Sirdar, subsequently sold to Mr. Walter Winaus. Among his hunters the best trio were without doubt Roundabout, Midnight, and Dentist.

Mr. Ward-Jackson has ridden in a good many point-to-point races, with a fair share of success. A keen polo player, his other pastimes are shooting and fishing.

Mrs. Ward-Jackson, who is also devoted to hunting, breeds prize cats, her husband being a well-known breeder of Schipperkes and Fox-terriers. They reside at Cooden Mount, Little Common, Bexhill, Sussex.

THE BURSTOW.

THE Burstow Hunt, as at present constituted, dates from the season of 1865-66, when foxhounds first hunted the country which had been previously worked by harriers for a great number of years.

The first Master under the new *régime* was Mr. Henry Kelsey, who kennelled his hounds at Smallfields, a hamlet about a mile from Burstow village. The expenses entailed by the up-keep of the establishment almost entirely devolved on the Master, who, nevertheless, managed to maintain good sport. He was ably assisted in the field by Mr. Henry Gerard Hoare, who was at this time well maintaining the sporting traditions of the Hoare family. This gentleman, from the introduction of the Burstow Foxhounds, continued to hunt them for Mr. Kelsey up to the time of the latter's death in 1881. Considerable difficulty was then experienced in securing a new Master, until Mr. Hoare stepped into the breach and took over the office as well as that of huntsman. At this time the Hunt might practically have been considered a one-man Hunt, insomuch as Mr. Hoare's indefatigable energy enabled him to undertake all the arduous duties of the field. He had, however, invaluable assistance from the Honorary Secretary, the late Mr. George Carter Morrison, of Reigate, who had held the office since 1866 and continued till his death in 1891.

The few surviving contemporaries who knew Mr. Hoare in his early years recall his invariable courtesy to the field, even when he might have been excusably exasperated by inexperienced followers. With a ready welcome for strangers whenever they appeared, it was not until the later years of his Mastership, when the train service between London and Reigate and Redhill developed, that a noticeable increase of Saturday followers took place; then, on that day sometimes fifty or sixty mounted visitors would come out, whilst the Wednesday run was limited to the Master, the whip, and one follower, Mr. Charles Taylor, of Shovelstrode. On Mr. Morrison's death, in 1891, Mr. Edward B. Forbes, who later on became Master, took over the duties of Hunt Secretary.

Mr. Gerard Hoare in the later years of his Mastership began to feel the burden of age, and during his absence from the field, which, however, was seldom, the hounds were hunted by his friend and first whip, Mr. Thomas Saunders, a splendid rider and a perfect Master of the science of hound-work.

After forty years' sport, Mr. Gerard Hoare died in 1896; his loss was sadly felt throughout the whole county. It was no easy task to find a new Master to carry on the Hunt after such a distinguished predecessor. Mr. Edward Forbes, however, took over the hounds, and with Henry White as huntsman began the season of 1896-97. The new huntsman was not a success, and after a short time was followed by his brother, Fred. White. He being no better, Mr. Forbes instituted Harry Molyneux in 1897, and he is still carrying the horn.

From 1896 to 1900, Mr. Forbes undertook the dual offices of Master and Secretary. On his resignation in 1900, when he was presented with a service of plate, he was succeeded in the Mastership by Mr. H. L. Uvedale Lambert, and in the Secretaryship by Mr. F. C. Morrison, son of the first Hunt Secretary.

The Hunt kennels being sadly inadequate, Mr. Lambert built new ones on his own estate at Pound Hill, near South Park, where the pack has since been kennelled under succeeding Masterships. Mr. Lambert's term of office was a prosperous one for the Hunt. He considerably improved the pack, in which success, possibly, the new kennels played a great part. He retired, however, in 1905, and again the difficulty of finding a successor resident in the country had to be faced. Mr. F. A. White, of Oakleigh, East Grinstead, who had previously for a great number of years been Field-Master to Mr. Hoare and Mr. Forbes, volunteered to take the office, and he remained until the spring of 1907, when he was obliged to relinquish the duty, acting on medical advice.

Without in any other way instituting a change in the *régime*, Mr. White increased the pack greatly during his Mastership by breeding. He mostly favoured the stallion hounds of the Bicester, Grafton, Warwickshire, Southdown, and Hertfordshire. On his resignation there were thirty-eight couples in the kennels; the present Master, Mr. Hubert F. Sturdy, Mr. White's son-in-law, has brought the pack up to fifty couples, chiefly by acquiring six couples of the Ormond bitches when that Hunt was disbanded. Only one alteration in the personnel of the Hunt servants was made when Mr. Sturdy took over office in 1907, Bert Molyneux succeeding A. Martin as second whip, while R. Burdon still remained first whip.

The new Master has increased the number of hunting days to three a week, while during the season of 1907-08 hounds were often out four days a week. The season of 1908-09 sees the pack established at the new kennels which Mr. Sturdy has built on his estate at Felbridge, near East Grinstead, capable of holding fifty couples.

The Burstow Hunt has the remarkable record of only having had four huntsmen during the forty-odd years it has been in existence, of which Mr. Hoare hunted the hounds for thirty years and the present huntsman, over twelve. Mr. Hoare had few equals in carrying the horn, his only rival, perhaps, being Tom Hills of the neighbouring pack, the Old Surrey. The members of the Burstow presented Mr. Hoare with a large oil painting of himself during his Mastership, and this compliment was also paid to Mr. White when he resigned, an equestrian portrait in oils by G. D. Armour, being presented by over two hundred members, farmers, and keepers; the latter presentation took place at Tilburstowe Lodge, Mr. Forbes' place, in November 1907.

The aspect of the Burstow country has greatly changed during the past ten or twenty years, with the growth of villas for City men, in the neighbourhood of Redhill, Reigate and East Grinstead. The members of the field, too, have increased considerably, being most noticeable on the Saturday meets.

Mr. H. G.
Hoare
—Master,
1881-96.

In the middle of April, 1896, just after the close of the season, passed away Mr. H. GERARD HOARE, a member of the eminent banking firm in Fleet Street and Master of the Burstow Hounds. The youngest son of the Ven. Archdeacon Hoare, Canon of Winchester and Vicar of Godstone, Mr. Hoare had reached the allotted three score years and ten. Beginning to hunt as a child, his first experiences were with harriers, and in this connection, it may be noted, that the Burstow had a history of something like one hundred years as harriers before they were entered to fox. Towards the end of its hare-hunting days, that genial old sportsman Mr. Kelsey, determined to turn the attention of the pack to fox, and was assisted by Mr. Hooker as huntsman, a sport-loving farmer who could ride as well as hunt. Mr. Kelsey showed great sport, by the way, which was always carefully concealed in the interests of the farmers who objected to large fields over their lands. In 1867, Mr. Hoare hunted the pack in place of Mr. Hooker, and if memory serves us, it was early in Mr. Hoare's time that the hounds were fully entered to fox, and harehunting discontinued. The year 1881 saw the subject of this memoir installed as Master in place of Mr. Kelsey, who died in that year. A capital huntsman, with a keen eye for a hound, he hunted this difficult country with consummate judgment and skill. It is said, indeed, that he knew the run of all the foxes in the district. For years he was known as one of the hardest-working huntsmen in England; and while the Burstow were kept up to an efficient standard, anything like extravagance was avoided. It is notable of Mr. Hooker, too, that he was also a sportsman of the old type. He not only hunted the pack, but looked after the kennels and things generally until over eighty years of age; and when he could no longer hunt in the saddle, did so on wheels.

Of Mr. Hoare, it must be noted that he was an active partner in the banking concern when not in the saddle.

As a Master he was known for his urbanity and courtesy, and the country deplored his loss. His name is still honoured by the inhabitants of the vale, who couple with it that of Mr. Hooker.

Mr. F. A.
White
—Master,
1905-07.

Born in May, 1810, Mr. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS WHITE, of Oakleigh, East Grinstead, is the fourth son of the late Mr. William Inman White, of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, a well-known sportsman, an excellent judge of a horse, and a keen follower of hounds. Mr. White started to hunt regularly

in 1857, when he put in one season with the Cheltenham Staghounds, then under the Master ship of his elder brother, Captain W. H. White, who later became Master of the Essex and Suffolk, East Essex, and the Essex Union successively.

Mr. F. A. White.

The following season Mr. White took up hunting in Essex, and until 1866 hunted with the Essex and Suffolk, East Essex, Essex Union, Essex, and the Puckeridge. Whilst hunting with this last-named pack he used to pilot the late Anthony Trollope, the novelist, who was a dangerous man to lead, for though a bold sportsman, he was very short-sighted. On one occasion Mr. Trollope introduced to Mr. White, John Leech, the famous caricaturist, whom Mr. White recalls as being an extremely shabby-looking horseman.

Among his best horses should be mentioned Comet, 1881-93, by Professor Ayry, and Dynamite, 1883-95, by Thunderbolt—Little Sister, by Hermit, who won the United Hunts' Steeplechases at Edenbridge in 1883 and 1884. Simbeam was another good hunter, who carried him for nine seasons with only two falls, whilst the aforementioned Comet was ridden for thirteen seasons with the same number of spills.

Mr. White's best mount now is Pretty Girl, a hunter bred by Lord Southampton.

He has always taken an interest in all forms of racing, and at one time had some horses trained by Mat Dawson, though with no exceptional success. In steeplechasers, however, he has been more fortunate, for his Ortolan and St. Anselm, both bred by His Majesty the King, won six hurdle races each.

Mrs. White is also a keen follower of hounds, having started her hunting career, with the famous Frank Gordon as pilot, with the Fitzwilliam, and her three daughters, one now Mrs. Sturdy, are also excellent horsewomen.

Mr. White is a J.P. for Surrey and Sussex, and is a member of the Conservative Club.

Mr. HUBERT FRANK STURDY, the present Master of the Burstow, was born on February 25th, 1875, and is the fourth son of the late Mr. William Sturdy, of Pax Hill Park, Lindfield, Sussex.

Mr. H. F. Sturdy
— present Master.



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MR. H. F. STURDY.

Before going to Eton in 1886, Mr. Sturdy had begun his hunting career with the Southdown, then under the direction of The Honourable Charles Brand. From Merton College, Oxford, in 1893, he hunted with the South Oxfordshire, Bicester, and Heythrop. After two years at the University, he returned to Sussex and took up farming, in which pursuit he has always been very interested. He then began to hunt regularly with the Southdown, Crawley and Horsham, and the Burstow Hounds.

Upon his father's death in 1906, Mr. Sturdy associated himself almost entirely with the Burstow, and in the season of 1907-08, succeeded Mr. F. A. White as Master.

The most important change during his first season was the extra day's hunting which he gave to the country every week. He has recently built new and larger kennels at Hodgehorne Farm, on his own estate, Felbridge, near East Grinstead, capable of holding fifty couples of hounds, the number with which he started the season of 1908-09.

Mr. H. F.
Sturdy.

Owning some excellent horses, the best, perhaps, was Butterfly, an Irish-bred hunter who won the Burstow Light-Weight Point-to-Point in 1908, and another, still in his stables, is York.

Mr. Sturdy married, on July 25th, 1908, the daughter of the recent Master of the Burstow, Mr. F. A. White.

Mr. F. C.
Morrison—
Hon. Sec.



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MRS. STURDY.

Bish Court, and nearly to Lingfield, being eventually killed in the moonlight at Felcourt, near East Grinstead (the present Master's property). Mr. Morrison on his pony kept up the whole day, and coming in at the death was awarded the mask. It was calculated that as hounds ran, sixty miles were covered that day.

The following year he went to Charterhouse for four years, playing in the school cricket eleven in 1878. During his Christmas holidays he followed the Burstow and the Surrey Stag hounds whenever he got the chance. On completing his education he entered his father's business, the solicitor's firm of Morrison and Nightingale, of Reigate and London, of which he is now one of the partners. He married, in 1890, the daughter of Dr. T. Newland Trew, of Croydon.

Of all the hunters which he has owned at one time or another his favourite was Blarney, of which



MR. F. C. MORRISON ON BLARNEY.

we give an illustration with Mr. Morrison mounted.

Mr. Morrison is Clerk to the Reigate Guardians, Reigate Rural District Council, and Assessment Committee, Vestry Clerk, and Clerk to the School Managers of Horley, Burstow, and Betchworth. He is also a prominent freemason and has been twelve years Secretary of the Surrey Lodge, and is now serving his third term as Master of that Lodge. Mr. Morrison's grandfather on his mother's side was the late Mr. Samuel Relf, a very well-known figure in Reigate, and who for many years was Master of the Reigate Harriers. Interested in horse breeding, his name figures as one of the Joint-Secretaries with Mr. Eustace Frith, of the Reigate and Redhill Horse and Hounds Society. He has always devoted himself to cricket during the summer.



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MR. F. M. MILLER.

Mr. F. M.
Miller.

MR. FRANK MARCHANT MILLER, of The Bungalow, Smallfield, Horne, was born in the year 1878, and is the son of Mr. John Melbourne Miller, of

Powisland House, South Devonshire. Receiving his education at Manor Mead, Plymouth, he commenced his hunting career with the Devon and Somerset, subsequently following the Hertfordshire for some seasons. At the same time he saw sport with the Enfield Chase and Berkhamsted Stag-hounds. Later on he moved down into Surrey, and hunted with the Burstow, Surrey Stag-hounds, and Old Surrey. An owner of several good horses, he considers Limerick, by Prince Hampton, out of a mare from the late Sir Blundell Maple's stables to have been one of his best; although not a winner, this horse has run well in the Enfield Chase Open Point-to-Point. The General, and Dolly Grey, a roan mare, whose name is well known on "the track," were other good performers.

Mr. F. M.
Miller.

His best run with the Enfield Chase Stag-hounds was in 1906, from "The Red Lion Hotel," Hatfield, taking near Dunstable; whilst with the Burstow Foxhounds, when they found near kennels at 3 p.m. after a blank morning, they killed near South Godstone.

Mr. Miller, who is connected with the Stock Exchange, shoots, and takes an interest in trotting, cricket, and boxing.

Mr. ERNEST GEORGE MACANDREW, of Gatwick Manor, Horley, who was born in Cheshire in November, 1873, is the son of Mr. George MacAndrew, of Mickleham, Surrey. He was educated at Charterhouse. When eight years old he began to follow the Surrey Union and has hunted with many different packs since then, chiefly in Cheshire with the county pack and Sir Watkin William-Wym's. In 1906 he came to live at Gatwick Manor and became a member of the Burstow and the Surrey Union, hunting chiefly with the former. Of other pastimes he is more particularly interested in golf and yachting.



Mr. E. G.
Mac-
Andrew.

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MR. E. G. MACANDREW.

Mr. CLIVE PEARSON was born in 1887, and is the second son of Sir Weetman Pearson, Baronet; he was educated at Rugby, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his degree.

Mr. C.
Pearson.



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MR. C. PEARSON.

He became Master of the Cambridge Drag in the season of 1908. A keen sportsman, he commenced hunting when but a small boy, his earliest experience being with the Burstow Foxhounds. He has since hunted with a large number of packs, but principally, whilst at Cambridge, with the Fitzwilliam and the Cambridgeshire.

Mr. Pearson has owned some very useful horses, the best, probably, being Chorister II., who under his guidance won the Inter-Varsity Point-to-Point in 1907, and the Cambridge University Challenge Whip at Cottenham the previous year.

Mr. Pearson plays polo, and was in the 'Varsity team in 1906 and 1908. His home is Paddockhurst, Sussex. His brother, when at Oxford, was also Master of the Drag.

Mr. C.
Taylor.

The senior member of the Burstow Hunt, which he began to follow when it was reconstituted in its present form as foxhounds in 1865, is Mr. CHARLES TAYLOR, of Shovelstrode Beacon, East

Mr. C.
Taylor.

Grinstead; he was born on March 1st, 1845, and is the second son of the late Mr. Charles James Taylor, of Middlesex.

When he was about fifteen years old he went to learn farming at Weston Patrick, in Hampshire, and it was here he gained his initial experience of the chase, for during the two and a-half years he was in Hampshire he hunted with the "H.H."



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. C. TAYLOR.

In 1865, Mr. Taylor came down to East Grinstead and took up the management of the Shovelstrode Estate of 1,000 acres for his uncle, the late Mr. William Henry Taylor, who was an ardent preserver of game, and went in for shooting and farming on a big scale. It was then that he commenced his associations with the Burstow, and continued till 1870, when he left Sussex and took a farm in Middlesex. In the following year he married, and until 1882 did not hunt much.

In the latter year his uncle presented the Shovelstrode Estate to Mr. Taylor, who has ever since hunted regularly with the Burstow, and occasionally the Eridge and the Surrey Staghounds. He is a keen horticulturist and devotes himself to his garden.

He disposed of the Shovelstrode Estate in 1900, retaining a splendid site, on which he built Shovelstrode Beacon.

THE WEST KENT.

IT is well said that the records of this Hunt are of ancient date, for although many countries owned packs prior to the date of the commencement of the West Kent, it appears extremely doubtful whether their packs were confined to the fox alone: it was usual in those days to hunt any quarry that was put a-foot.

Hence it is that Mr. John Warde, who for a period of fifty-seven years kept foxhounds, was considered to be the "father" of foxhounds proper. Born in the year 1752, as soon as he was old enough, he started a pack of foxhounds, hunting the district round his family seat of Squerries, near Westerham, Kent, prior to 1776. His subsequent hunting career is fully set forth in the history of the South Berkshire, in another volume of this work.

The best of his horses was Blue Ruin, on which he is depicted in our illustration. Blue Ruin, on one occasion, when running hard, Mr. Warde's nephew being up, jumped down a chalk pit, but so clever was he, the pit being worked in three terraces, that, leaping from terrace to terrace in three bounds, he arrived at the bottom without disaster. The rest of the field, coming up to look for the mangled remains, saw horse and rider quietly trotting out on the other side! Following his footsteps in the West Kent country was Sir John Dyke, of Lullingstone Castle. His successor also hunted hounds, with kennels at Lullingstone, from 1776 to 1836, with the help of Mr. Waring for a portion of the period. On September 3rd, 1798, a run is recorded. Finding at Ludsdown Thicks in the morning, they ran *riâ* Allington Ha, over Medway to Bell Hill, through Horsted over Steeple Hill, by Marden, turning back, by the "Blue Bell," towards Ludsdown again. They went over by the "Friars," recrossed the Medway near Hylesford, through Halling to Cobham, where he was run into, at the foot of the Mausoleum, by the two hounds Sweetlip and Dido, after running all day and covering fifty miles. At this time the huntsman was Dick Carter, and earth-stopper one Pierce.

The greatest supporter of the Hunt at this period was Edward Sackville, fourth Duke of Dorset, who gave a banquet, celebrating a great run with Sir John Dyke's, of Lullingstone, Hounds in the eighteenth century. The following poem, from Arminger's "Sportsmen's Vocal Cabinet," 1830 (see *History of Knole*), will mention those names that were principally connected with the fortunes of the West Kent Hunt:—

When parting at Cobham, his Grace let it fall,
Tell my friends I expect them at Knole's ancient Hall
To-morrow at 7, and this, understand,
Let each bring a neighbour, or friend in his hand.
For we mean to be gay, and that time shall give place
To the sweets of the bottle and charms of the chase.

Old "Time" heard the mandate, and pleased at the sound,
The Duke's invitation flew speedily round.
The Hall was lit up by the great chandelier,
And its panels adorned with the spoils of the deer.
Where the tale of "Actæon" was painted to life,
And the huntress "Atalanta," Maleager's wife.

But above all the rest, to improve the design,
The table was covered with excellent wine.
His Grace took the chair, as becoming a Lord,
And these were the lads that sat down at his board.
Sir Horace, below, did duty in prime—
A better could not be selected by time.

Honest Homewood came to partake of the sport,
And the Tildens were there from Old Ifield Court.
Next Dering, Sir Edward, the country's delight,
Who always stood up for the Kentish man's right.
Then Twisden, Sir Roger, a sportsman more bold,
Ne'er crossed a saddle in heat or in cold.



From a painting in the possession of Colonel Warde, of Basham Court.

MR. JOHN WARDE ON BLUE RUIN.

Stout Boghurst was there, who had sat himself down
By Simmonds, Recorder of Rochester Town.
And opposite Whittle, a talkative elf,
Who always was telling strange things of himself.
Squire Hoare and young Stanhope from Cheving Place,
And these were the friends that surrounded his Grace.

Comport of the Castle, and old brewer Best,
Whose Butt has been famous from east to the west.
Bill Edmeads of Nutsted, and two or three more,
The whole in conjunction might make up a score.
Besides a few staunch hounds, the best of the breed,
Which ever were famous for keeping the lead.

A bogle was sounded the mirth to begin,
When bonnee went the corks, as the punch was brought in.
All forms of distinction were banished aside,
No thoughts on precedence, the offspring of pride,
All, all, was true friendship that never beguiles,
That springs from the heart, enlivened by smiles.

The Duke claimed attention, all answered "Hush! hush!"
Whilst he held up his bumper and shew'd them the "brush,"
This sentiment gave (The Hall rang with the sound)
"All jovial foxhunters, where ever they're found,"

Now round flew the toast, and to crown it with glee,
We demanded the chorus of three times told three.

Thus with high tales of sporting, the hunters' delight,
And libations to Bacchus we shortened the night.
The wine was so potent, the spirit so good,
That to honour the Duke, we took in a flood.
All, all, was good humour, till young Squire Hoare
Fell back in his chair and could take in no more.

Now Merry Frank Mackworth, a little afloat,
Emptied his glass down the young Squire's throat.
This trifle excepted, our joys were complete,
And the bogle was sounded for the guests to retreat.
Upstanding, uncovered, was claimed from the host,
And fresh bumpers were filled for Sir Horace's toast.

"May Health! Peace! and Plenty! still wait on his Grace
With a son like himself and no end to his race."
Thus ended the meeting, and foxhunters gay
Remounted their steeds and rode cheerful away.
Diana was up, for she knew they must roam,
And kindly assisted in lighting them home.

"Stout Boghurst," referred to in the above verses, was Squire Boghurst, of Frinsbury, Kent, who was one of the best and staunchest sportsmen of his day. He hunted his own hounds for many years, but old age and the death of Lady Boghurst brought about his retirement. After relinquishing the charms of the chase, he, in the words of a writer in *The Sporting Magazine*, "attached himself, at the age of eighty, to three things the most pleasing to solace old age—his friend, his bottle, and his old hunter." To indulge in these pleasures, it appears, "he became president of a sporting club at Mr. Heath's, the 'White Hart and Silver Oar Tavern,' where once a week he was never known to fail attending." It would seem that occasionally Jupiter nodded, and "sometimes the Squire had the sun to light him home to Frinsbury." At his time of starting, Old Trusty (his hunter) was brought to the door of the tavern, and his master being placed by the waiters on the horse's back, Old Trusty was left unguided to pursue his way.

Early one morning an arch of Rochester Bridge gave way, leaving a yawning chasm, only passable to foot passengers by means of a 9-inch plank. The Squire had ridden off on Old Trusty after the subsidence, but before news of it had reached the tavern. Full of apprehension as to his fate, the landlord despatched a waiter to Boghurst House, who, upon being ushered into the Squire's presence, was received with the words, "Well, Pater, give my respects to the good family, and tell them though I was drunk, my Old Trusty was sober, and, as you see, he delivered me at home in safety." The good hunter had justified his name by "walking the plank" in an entirely novel and satisfactory manner. We are indebted to his great-grand-daughter, Miss Boghurst-Fisher, for these details and the portrait.

The country was, by all accounts, hunted some four days a week. Foxes were plentiful—wire, building, and railroads unknown factors in the district. The fields were supported by such well-known families as Messrs. Barnet, Edmeads, Behrens, Phillips, Hilton, Sir Edward Dering, Collyer, Nevill, Stone, Tilken, Twisden, Simmons, Hoare, Stanhope; whilst Burnaby Atkins (Halstead Place), Lord Amherst, Lord Hillingdon, Lord Sackville, Mr. Herries, Mr. M. Lambard (of Beechmount), Mr. Roger (of Riverhill), Lord Hardinge, George Field (of Ashurst), Mr. FitzKemp, Meade Waldo, etc., were amongst the principal covert owners and fox preservers.

In 1836, Mr. Forrest took on hounds until 1845, when Mr. Collyer relieved him of the Mastership, having the celebrated Tom Hills as his huntsman, kennels being at Greenhythe. After some years a Committee took charge, consisting of Sir Philip Hart Dyke, Mr. William Waring,



From a picture in the possession of
Miss Boghurst-Fisher, of Copdock, Ipswich.
SQUIRE BOGHURST.

Mr. Barnet, and Mr. FitzKemp, who appointed Colonel Stratford as Master, with Mr. Armstrong as Joint-Master. Mr. Armstrong retiring, left Colonel Stratford as sole Master for one season, and Mr. R. Russell undertook the duties of Honorary Secretary, F. Percival being huntsman.

At this period hounds used to hunt the Hundred of Hoo country, and a large part of the now Eridge Hunt district. In 1861 the Hon. Ralph Nevill became Master, with kennels at Wrotham, hunting four days a week. His huntsman at first was F. Percival, who in turn gave place to Channing and G. Bollen. The latter left for two seasons (1880-81), and Darch took his place until G. Bollen returned. Then Skinner came on for one season, making way for Westley, until the return of G. Bollen for the third time. Mr. Nevill hunted the West Kent for upwards of thirty years.

During his time no man did more for the West Kent; he was popular with all grades, and showed excellent sport. It was during his Mastership that hounds were moved to Otford, in 1881. The pack was practically the biggest in England—82½ couples, for the Eridge, then the Woodland pack, were also kennelled there, under the Mastership of Lord G. Nevill. Dawson was kennel huntsman, and they were taken down by train twice a week into the Eridge country. They were afterwards removed to Mr. Williams, at Langton, near Tunbridge Wells.

The West Kent, consisting of fifty couples of hounds, hunted the Hundred of Hoo once a fortnight (Saturdays), whilst their hunting days totalled four a week.

In 1891, Colonel Charles Warde, M.P., of Barham Court, near Watlington, became Master, with Bollen as his huntsman. The calls of his country, however, during the debates of the Home Rule crisis took up so much of his time that he was reluctantly compelled to give up the Mastership after one season. The best run during his reign was after a fox which had been driven out of his country the day before by the Old Surrey Foxhounds. Finding near "Pole Hill Arms," hounds ran him down the Westerham Valley, through Mr. John Warde's coverts, to Limpsfield Chart, in the Old Surrey country, where, darkness coming on, they lost him. He was found dead the following morning, in a cottager's garden hard by. On returning, he and his Hunt servants, and remainder of the field and hounds, went to Squerries, where they toasted the picture of old John Warde. In 1892, Mr. Stewart Saville took over the hounds, with G. Bollen still as huntsman and Ted Boxall as first whip. He held the Mastership for three seasons, when he was succeeded, in 1895, by Lord George Nevill, with Bollen for one season, and afterwards Westley, as his huntsman, and Ted Boxall as first whip.

After five seasons, Mr. Baker White became Master, coming from the East Kent country, with Tom Duck as huntsman. After two seasons he was relieved by Mr. Lambarde, who carried the horn himself, and had T. Boxall as his kennel huntsman.

Mr. Lambarde's four seasons were marked with extraordinarily bad scenting days, notwithstanding which he managed to show some good sport. With himself and his Hunt servants splendidly mounted on the best of cattle, blood-like horses, well coupled up, his "turn-out" was quite a feature of the Hunt. Retiring in 1908, he was succeeded by Mr. R. Guy Everard. J. Petts, who is his kennel huntsman and first whip, has had most of his experience with the Hurworth, where he acted as second whip for two seasons, first whip and kennel huntsman for three, and was finally promoted to be huntsman, which post he filled for six seasons. Other packs with which he has served are the Eridge, Lord Leonfield's, the Atherstone, and Mr. Scrope's.

The kennels now consist of 26½ couples of bitches and 25 couples of dog hounds. For the last few years the majority of the change blood has been recruited from the Warwickshire and Belvoir packs.

Descended from Sir Thomas Dyke, a judge in the Court of King's Bench, who was created a baronet in 1677, SIR JOHN DIXON DYKE, of Horeham, succeeded his father as third baronet in 1756, in which year he was married to Philadelphia Payne, daughter of Mr. George Horne, of East Grinstead.

The Dyke
Family
--Masters,
1776-1836.

**The Dyke
Family.**

All acquainted with the history of hunting are well aware that the site now occupied by our great city has often been the scene of "fox chases," as our forefathers termed them; other sporting events are chronicled which seem difficult to understand in these days of bricks and mortar environment. The killing of foxes where Belgrave Square and Kensington Gardens now stand is only on a parallel with a decoy in St. James's Park, or the shooting of snipe in the vicinage of Grosvenor Street. To pursue the theme would be too prolix, suffice it, therefore, to recall to recollection hunting from the Kent quarter, which touched the modern London so nearly. Thus we find the subject of these few memoranda hunting fox and hare, in 1793, in that portion of Kent where Bromley is now a very much built upon district. There were other packs too, whether fox, harriers, or both it might be somewhat difficult to determine, which hunted at Sydenham, and possibly killed where the final is played between our champion football teams.

Sir Thomas Dyke, the fourth baronet, eldest son of Sir John Dyke, succeeded to the country, albeit it would appear that his father's pack had been given up some time before, as Sir Thomas hunted with a pack of dwarf hounds, fox and hare alternately. Sir Thomas was succeeded by his brother, Sir Percival Hart Dyke, fifth baronet, who hunted the pack until the early thirties. He had to gather a new lot of hounds seemingly, as the kennel inmates belonging to Sir John and Sir Thomas had been dispersed, and Richard Hill, his huntsman, and the Master founded a new one from drafts obtained from the Brocklesby, Belvoir, and other good sources. Sir Percival Hart Dyke gave up his pack in 1836.

**The Hon. R.
P. Nevill
—Master,
1862-91.**

Burke says—"William Greville, of London, son of William Greville, seated at Campden, county Gloucester, 21 Richard II., and grandson of John Greville, who died before 23 Edward III., lies interred at Campden. This William was living 21 Richard II., as that monarch acknowledges receiving a loan from him and his father of a sum of 300 marks, August 10th, 1397. He purchased in the following year the Manor of Milcote, county Warwick, from Sir Walter Beauchamp, Knt., and entailed upon his heir male. . . ."

THE HON. RALPH PELHAM NEVILL, second son of the Earl of Abergavenny, was born in the year 1832, and was a gentleman of Kent. Duly introduced to Eton, he was known there as an athlete, and one of the best runners and football players in the school. Early put into the saddle, his *métier* would appear to have been hunting as a lad, and when he was in his teens he had started a pack of beagles which, at Birling Manor, were wont to give a good account of the hares in the vicinage. Changing to harriers, our subject became known when a reader at Oxford as a lover of hounds in the proper sense. Before we leave his Eton record, however, let us mention the fact that he was captain of the football team. Beginning to hunt the fox as a boy, it was no new thing to him when he joined Lord Portsmouth's pack in the Vine country. There was a friendship between the Earl and Mr. Nevill which eventuated in a presentation from the grand old nobleman to our subject of his old horn and couplings. Harriers were big things in those days, wherefore, when it became necessary to part with them it was with a sense of regret. But Mr. Ralph Nevill aspired to higher things, from a hunting man's point of view. The fox had to be hunted, and in 1858, at the age of twenty-six, he added the title of M.F.H. to his name. This in connection with the West Kent.

It may be noted that the pack never had a more popular Master than Mr. Nevill, and its followers evidenced their approval of his capacity by making him a presentation of plate of £1,000, and later on the farmers presented him with a portrait of himself, mounted on a favourite grey hunter,



From a painting by John Eames at Birling Manor.

THE HON. R. P. NEVILL.

with some of the best hounds in his pack around him. This fine work, which we reproduce by his permission, was executed by John Emms, and is hung in the gallery of Birling Manor, Mr. Nevill's seat in Kent.

The Hon. R.
P. Nevill.

During the early years of his Mastership (it lasted from 1862 to 1891), Mr. Richard Russell, of Oxford, known as "Dick of Oxford" to his intimates, was Secretary to the Hunt. At the age of seventy, the popular old sportsman was taken ill, so seriously, that his life was despaired of. Fortunately he got better, and Mr. Nevill voiced the general satisfaction by penning the following stanzas:—

"Then fill up your glasses! for ne'er shall we see
At Oxford a sportsman so thorough as he;
Be it fox, be it stag, a drag, or a hare,
Whatever the chase he was bound to be there.

Then fill up your glasses! and drink, my boys, drink
Long life to old Richard, nor e'er let us think
His days are yet numbered, though sixty and ten
Is the limit of summers allotted to men."

Eldest son of the late General Sir Edward Warde, and Jane, daughter of the late Canon Lane, COLONEL CHARLES EDWARD WARDE was born on December 20th, 1845, and educated privately. He married, in 1890, Helen, daughter of the late Viscount de Stern. Gazetted in 1869 to the 19th Hussars, he served for twenty-three years in that regiment and the 4th Hussars. He was A.D.C. to the Governor of Gibraltar 1873-76; to the General Commanding Northern District of Ireland 1881-86; Adjutant of the West Kent Yeomanry 1880-84, and commanded the regiment from 1899 to 1906.

Col. C. E.
Warde
—Master,
1891-92.



COLONEL C. E. WARDE.

Early initiated to the hunting field, most of the Colonel's experiences were gained during his soldiering days when quartered in Ireland at different times. After retiring from the Service he settled at Barham Court, near Watlington, Kent, and devoting his attention to politics, he entered Parliament in the Conservative interest in 1892, representing the Mid Division of Kent, and was re-elected in 1895, 1900, and 1906. In the year he entered Parliament he was requested to accept the Mastership of the West Kent Foxhounds; this he did, appointing John Bollen as huntsman, but his duties

requiring so much of his time he was compelled to resign after officiating for one season.

A member of the Carlton, Naval and Military, and Hurlingham Clubs, he is one of the most liberal supporters of the West Kent—a worthy descendant of his worthy ancestor, "The Father of Foxhunting," Mr. John Warde, the founder of the West Kent Hunt. Colonel Warde is a J.P. and D.L. for Kent.

MR. W. G. LAMBARDE was born in 1864, and is the son of Mr. M. Lambarde. At eight years of age he began hunting with the West Kent Hounds, and after leaving school followed the Duke of Buccleuch's for three years; the Warwick, Heythrop, and North Cotswold for six seasons; and nine seasons with the Meath, Kildare, and West Meath, after which he spent three seasons with the Pytchley and Mr. Fernie's.

On becoming Master of the West Kent in 1905, he hunted the hounds himself with Ted Boxall as first whip and kennel huntsman, and David Davidson as second whip for four seasons.

During his Mastership he worked up both the hounds and the country, using the best blood in England—Belvoir, Warwickshire, Brocklesby, and Grafton. He got the



Mr. W.
G. Lam-
barde—
Master,
1904-08.

Photo by Elliott and Fry

MR. W. G. LAMBARDE.

Mr. W. G. Lambarde.

farmers, keepers, and covert owners to assist him in the preservation of foxes, and showed fine sport during his reign.

His stables, both private and for the servants, were a feature of the Hunt, being of a type seldom seen in the Southern counties; well-bred, active horses, showing an unusual amount of quality, all of which were excellent performers; but amongst them his choice lay with Kilkelan, Grand Slam, Lucky Day, and Candidate (breeding unknown), also Wheatfield, by Greenfield, all Irish bred, and Grudon H., half-brother to the Grand National horse, by Old Buck—Eccles Shawl, by Sir Bevis—Polly Eccles. This last-named horse carried Mrs. Lambarde, who is a fine horsewoman and a fearless rider.

Mr. Lambarde is a large landed proprietor, and owns two fine seats near Sevenoaks, Beechmont and Bradbourne Hall. In the coaching world he was well known on the Brighton Road.

Mr. R. G. Everard
—present
Master.

MR. R. GUY EVERARD, The Kennels, Otford, born in 1868, son of Captain Everard, of Hill House, Bridgwater, Somerset, was educated at Clifton, and Clare College, Cambridge. After an initial experience in Devonshire he subsequently hunted with many packs in England and Ireland. In

1899 he took the Wells Subscription Harriers and hunted them until 1902, when he became Master of the Ormond, carrying the horn himself, with J. Murphy as his kennel huntsman and first whip. He then took the Mastership of the Bexhill Harriers from 1905–06; changing his country again, he took over the Suffolk Foxhounds with kennels at Bury St. Edmund's (1907–08): coming to the West Kent as Master in 1908–09.

His best horses have been Benbolt, winner of the Wells Subscription Harriers' Point-to-Point, and Meath, winner of the Bexhill Harriers Ladies' Cup, East Sussex Hunt Cup 1905, and Suffolk Hunt Race 1906.



Photo by Bassano.

MR. R. G. EVERARD.

Mr. J. C. Hayward
—Hon.
Sec.

The Honorary Secretary of the West Kent, MR. JOHN CAMDEN HAYWARD, of Farningham, is the son of the late Mr. John Hayward, of Dartford; he was educated at Winchester College, subsequently studying law and entering the legal profession. He has hunted with the West Kent under the Masterships of Mr. Thomas Collyer, Colonel Wingfield Stratford, Mr. Armstrong, the Hon. R. Nevill, Colonel C. E. Warde, M.P., Mr. Stewart-Saville, Lord George Nevill, Mr. Baker White, Mr. H. G. Lambarde, and Mr. Everard, and in 1901 he undertook the

Secretaryship. He is a member of the Constitutional Club.

Mr. W. M. Cazalet.

MR. W. M. CAZALET, part owner of the West Kent Hounds, was born in 1865. He is the son of Mr. Edward Cazalet, J.P., D.L., and was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he played tennis for the University & Cambridge. He began hunting with the West Kent during the Mastership of the Hon. Ralph Nevill, and has visited several other packs since, including the Belvoir. When he first began to follow hounds, he remembers, among others, Sir W. Hart Dyke, of Lullingstone Castle; Sir John Farnaby Lennard, of Wickham Court; Mr. Barclay Field, of Beechy Leas; and Mr. Fitch Kemp, of Foxbush, who sometimes acted as Field-Master, as being some of the principal followers of the West Kent. Mr. Cazalet farms on a large scale, and is interested in racing and the breeding of bloodstock; he has some fine hunters, but for the West Kent country favours the short-backed, well-bred cobby stamp of about 15 hands. He is fond of shooting and deer-stalking, and is a member of the Carlton and Junior Carlton Clubs.



Photo by H. E. Cooke, Sevenoaks.

MR. W. M. CAZALET.

A prominent member of the West Kent for many years past is Mr. W. H. Cronk, of Suffolk Place, Sevenoaks, who began hunting with the pack during the Hon. Ralph Nevill's Mastership.

Mr. W. H.
Cronk.

With the adjoining packs, the Surrey and Mid Kent Staghounds, and occasionally with the Old Surrey Foxhounds, he is also a familiar figure. Owning some very good horses during his long hunting career, he gives the preference to Charlie, a clean-bred hunter, standing 16 hands. This horse performed a notable feat in a run with the Mid Kent Staghounds by jumping the palings which surround Leeds Park, and achieved further renown by clearing two hurdles placed upright, one on top of the other. Other good horses were Mike, winner of the Dublin Show Jumping Competition and the West Kent Point-to-Point in 1890, in which year the races were started; Trumps, who ran second in the Mid Kent Hunt Cup in Colonel North's Mastership; and The Rat = Playactor = Roman Bee, a roan gelding of 16 hands.

Mr. Cronk furnishes us with the following:—

In the season of 1880 the West Kent Hunt met at "The White Hart," Sevenoaks (the Old Surrey Foxhounds meeting at Four Elms). After drawing all the coverts on the hill, the West Kent drew down towards the furze field, adjoining Harbour Hook, where they met the Old Surrey, who had been running a fox for nearly two hours, which they found in Whitebread Wood, Four Elms. The two packs joined, and drove a fox (evidently a fresh one found in the gorse) through Bouzells Wood, Bushes Farm, Winkhurst, Ivy House, to Four Elms. He then turned right handed as if for Toys Hill, but retraced his footsteps by Chittenden, and was eventually killed by Cooper's Corner, after an excellent run of 1 hour 30 minutes. The music of the two packs was something to remember. Tom Darch, the huntsman of the West Kent, hunted the two packs, Sam Hills, the Old Surrey huntsman, giving over command to him.

The grandson of the celebrated Governor-General of India, of Sutej fame, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE HENRY CHARLES, THIRD VISCOUNT HARDINGE, eldest son of the second Viscount, was born in 1857 and educated at Harrow. His father was a very well-known hunting man and a member of the West Kent Committee for many years. The present Lord Hardinge gained a practical knowledge of hunting in his youthful days from his future father-in-law, the Hon. Ralph Nevill, who was then Master of the West Kent.

Viscount
Hardinge.



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

VISCOUNTESS HARDINGE.

He entered the West Kent Militia in 1875, and whilst stationed at Dover hunted with the East Kent Foxhounds. Two years later he joined the Rifle Brigade, and for the subsequent eighteen years followed many different packs.

At Woolwich he hunted with the Artillery Drag, and in Ireland with the Meath, Kildare, and Ward Union. In 1882-83, when at Aldershot he was first whip to the Aldershot Drag. From Chester, where he served on the Staff, he followed the North and South Cheshire packs and Sir Watkin Wynn's.

He spent two years in India, and was attached to the Camel Corps under Sir E. Hutton in the Nile Expedition.

His Lordship retired in 1895, and has since done most of his hunting from his seat, South Park, Penshurst, with the West Kent, though he has also visited many of the Midland packs, and the Mid Kent and Surrey Staghounds.

His best hunter was perhaps Punch, who was entered for the Derby, and who, as a three-year-old, won the Aldershot Point-to-Point in 1881. Geologist, by Geologist—Northern Queen, who is still in his possession, is another well-known horse. In 1905 he won the Kent and Sussex Stakes at Eridge, the Lingfield Hunters' Steeplechase, and the Wye Open Hunt Steeplechase. In 1906 he won the Kent and Sussex Stakes, the Southdown Hunt Cup, and the Skeynes Plate at Lingfield, ridden by Mr. C. G. Nugent. His Holy Mint, by Minting—St. Kynan, now owned by Mr. C. H. Cripps,

Viscount Hardinge. won, in 1901, the Kent and Sussex Stakes, the Southdown Hunt Cup, the United Hunts' Plate, and the Skeynes Plate at Lingfield. Other good horses of the past were Tight Fit, Lady Flora, Moonlighter, Tipperary, Leicester, Steady Glass, and The Monk. Carlow, now in his possession, won the West Kent Point-to-Point and the Mid Kent Open Race in 1901, and three years later the West Kent Open Race.

Since 1905, Lord Hardinge has been Chairman of the West Kent Hunt Committee, and is a steward of the National Hunt Committee.

In 1891, Lord Hardinge married Mary F., third daughter of the Hon. Ralph P. Nevill; Lady Hardinge has been a keen follower of hounds all her life.

Lord Hardinge is an ardent advocate of Tariff Reform, he is President of the Kent Tariff Reform League, and President of the Conservative Association for the Tonbridge Division.

He is a member of the Carlton, Boodle's, Constitutional, and I Zingari Clubs.

THE ERIDGE.

THIS ideal woodland country, of about thirteen by fourteen miles square, was known as the West Kent Woodland when it was first established on an independent footing thirty-eight years ago.

Prior to 1870, the Hon. Ralph P. Nevill (brother of the Marquess of Abergavenny, and uncle to Lord Henry G. R. Nevill, the present Master of the Eridge) had hunted this country in conjunction with his West Kent territory, with the exception of a large tract of land in Kent on the east side of the Eridge country, which has never been adapted to hunting. It was Lord George Nevill, a younger brother of Lord Henry, who was the first Master of the Eridge Hunt, as it is known to-day, and he had the country from 1880 to 1887. Being called abroad in the latter year, Lord George handed over the reins of management to Mr. F. V. Williams, a good sportsman who was very well known and esteemed locally; he kept Hunt matters going smoothly and well for half-a-dozen seasons.

In 1893, Lord Henry Nevill took up his residence permanently at Eridge Castle, accepted the Mastership of this "family pack," and has remained in office ever since, having continued to show his Hunt followers a maximum of sport with a minimum of open country. The Eridge is not, as one would suppose, a strictly private pack; Lord Henry accepts £750 per annum from the country. The kennels are well located in Eridge Park. Fred. Hills, who came to the Eridge as whip when Lord George Nevill was Master, now carries the horn, having been promoted on the retirement of Jack Pitts, eight years ago. It is generally admitted by all those who know anything about hound-breeding that there is a stronger strain of the original *pure* foxhound blood in Lord Henry's kennel to-day than is to be found in many a pack which may perhaps claim a higher place in the opinion of the hunting public.

The great Forge Wood run in March, 1895, is worthy of note. Hounds met at the kennels after a very severe spell of frost, and found, about 1 o'clock, in Forge Wood, just below the Castle. The fox was a strong one and ran to Marchants Wood, after crossing the Rotherfield Road, then to Wadhurst, Coomb Wood, Ticehurst Road, Brightling Down, Wetherfield Gun, Ashburnham Park, and Brightling Park, where he was run into at a quarter to seven, 5 hours 45 minutes after finding; distance as crow flies eighteen miles. The Master covered the whole distance, thirty miles or more, on one horse, First Flight, by Knight Templar, never having been able to get near his second horse; the *Field* newspaper described this run as "the finest in this part of England for many a generation."

It is over the Marquess of Abergavenny's property that the Eridge hunt on most days of the week. Here no barbed wire is to be found, and foxes are strictly preserved. The Marquess is now in his eighty-second year, and has had to give up riding for some time, but he not infrequently turns up at the covert side "on wheels," and is as keen on blood as ever. Lord Henry's thirty couples of hounds "drive" to perfection through the chain of coverts, and the pack do both Master and huntsman the greatest credit, not only in the field, but also on the flags. Lady Henry Nevill and her daughter, now Lady Hastings, are always in front whenever they are out with the Eridge, however far or fast hounds may travel. Another of Lord Henry's daughters, by his first marriage, is the Marchioness of Camden, who, with the Marquess, are near neighbours at Bayham Abbey, and both she and her husband are strong supporters of the Hunt. There is an annual Hunt Ball at Tunbridge Wells, tickets for which are much sought after, and there does not exist a better-organized "country" in the south-west of England than that over which the popular Master, Lord Henry Nevill, so ably presides at Eridge Castle.

There are not many hunting farmers in the country as most of the holdings are small. The greatest part of the Eridge country belongs to Lords Abergavenny, Camden, and de la Warr.

Lord G. M.
Nevill
—Master,
1886-87.

To recall the fact that the Nevills have done an immense amount in the making of English history would be but the recitation of an oft-repeated tale. The subject of our notes is a descendant of the famous King-Maker who fell in the Battle of Barnet *circa* 1471.

LORD GEORGE MONTACUTE NEVILL, third son of the first Marquess of Abergavenny, was born on September 23rd, 1856. The branch of the Nevills to which he belongs were originally Barons de Bergavenny, and William de Beauchamp, fourth son of Thomas, Earl of Warwick, was summoned to Parliament in 1392 under that title. In these latter days the Earldom was conferred in 1781, and the Marquisate in 1876. Our subject first saw the light in Yorkshire, at Hope Hall, in fact, within a short distance of the kennels of the Bramham Moor. Lord George's godfather was Mr. Lane Fox, and he was duly blooded by that grand old Master of hounds at the age of seven, continuing to hunt with that famous pack throughout his youth. Educated at Eton, he was gazetted to the West Kent Militia, subsequently entering the Yeomanry as a trooper, in which he, after a few years, was promoted to the rank of serjeant-major.

Naturally, the noble science was not forgotten in the period under notice, and in 1880 he took his first Mastership as Master of the West Kent Woodland Foxhounds (Eridge). With these he showed excellent sport for seven seasons. In 1895 he accepted the Master's saddle of the West Kent, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. R. Stewart Saville.

Among the very keenest, Lord George Nevill made it his business to show sport of the best, and it was not possible to find a day too long for him. When in 1882 he took unto himself a wife, in the person of Florence Mary, daughter of Mr. Temple Soanes, of Beverley House, Tunbridge Wells, members of the Hunt presented to him a full-length portrait of himself, painted by Mr. Sydney Hodges, as a testimony of their appreciation of his efforts in the cause of sport.

Lord George resides at 14, Palmeira Square, Brighton, and has another house, Saxonbury Lodge, Frant.

Lord H. G.
R. Nevill
—present
Master.

Horsefield, in his *History of Sussex*, when referring to Lord Abergavenny's property, says, "It extends almost without interruption hence to Lewes and Brighton," and it would appear from the testimony of that author that it previously had a far greater range.

HENRY GILBERT RALPH NEVILL is the second son of the Marquess of Abergavenny. He was born on September 2nd, 1854, and educated at Eton, where he and his eldest brother ran with the college beagles, half of which pack belonged to them. They hunted these hounds also at home during the holidays at Eridge Castle. Before distinguishing himself in the playing fields, Henry Nevill had been initiated by Mr. Lane Fox in the Bramham Moor country. Charles Treadwell, by the way, was the priest venatic on that occasion, and our subject was introduced to the mysteries at the age of six. He has also hunted with the Meynell, Bicester, Cattistock, and Blackmore Vale.

In the year 1876, Lord Henry married Violet, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Streatfeild, of Chiddingstone, Kent, and settled down to enjoy the life best suited to him as a county magnate. Mr. F. Vaughan Williams having given up the Eridge Hounds in 1893, Lord Henry was unanimously requested to accept office. No better or happier choice could have been made, and when he agreed to undertake the onerous duties, satisfaction was general.

Making hounds a particular study, Lord Henry had his work cut out, because the Eridge is by no means an easy country to hunt, as there are large woodlands and indifferent scenting ground.

It is related of old John Warde that he was wont to remark that anything could run over good scenting grassland, but that when he took over the Craven country he discovered that he wanted hounds better than he had ever owned before. A similar difficulty presented itself to Lord Henry Nevill; when we say that he was equal to the occasion, we are only quoting a phrase which has become a matter of common knowledge in connection with his Mastership.



Photo by G. Boulton, Tunbridge Wells.
LORD HENRY NEVILL.

A county nobleman, he has more especially associated himself with the horse, having scored between the flags and also in the show ring. For seventeen years Lord Henry Nevill held a commission in the West Kent (then the Queen's Own) Yeomanry, and subsequently commanded the Tunbridge Wells troop. In 1880 he had the great misfortune to lose his wife, but six years afterwards was united to Maud Augusta, youngest daughter of Mr. William Reckitt, M.P.

Lord H. G.
R. Nevill.

Lord Henry is a member of the National Hunt Committee, and formerly officiated as judge at some of the most important hunters' shows in the country. A good horse his Lordship had was Goldseeker, who won the Eridge Hunt Steeplechase and took several first prizes in the show ring. Goldseeker carried his master for thirteen seasons. He still manages to find time to keep up his reputation as a keen shot, and goes North every season. He is a member of the Carlton and Boodle's, amongst other clubs, and his London residence is 23, Chesham Place.

MR. ERNEST GAISFORD, the Honorary Secretary of the Eridge Hunt, was born on September 29th, 1873; he is the son of the late Rev. George Gaisford, of Lavant, Sussex, and was educated at Eton, where he ran with the college beagles. He then went to Christ Church, Oxford, and acted as whip to the college beagles for two seasons.

Mr. E.
Gaisford
—Hon. Sec.

In 1902, Mr. Gaisford was appointed steward and manager of Lord Abergavenny's estates in Sussex, Monmouthshire, and elsewhere, and has since hunted regularly with the Eridge, of which he became Honorary Secretary in 1908, succeeding Mr. F. W. Stone. He is a member of the Bath Club, and lives at Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells.

MR. CHARLES HENRY CRIPPS, only son of Mr. W. C. Cripps, of Camden Park, Tunbridge Wells, was born on December 13th, 1879, and educated at Harrow, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1900. Starting to hunt as a boy with the Eridge, he has followed these hounds all his life, having occasional days with other packs. He was the owner of Holy Mint, a well-known hunter and steeplechaser, who won for him the Eridge Hunt Cup and the United Hunts' Plate at Lingfield, besides numerous races for his former owner, Viscount Hardinge.

Mr. C. H.
Cripps.

Besides hunting, Mr. Cripps is a keen shot, and spends a considerable part of every season at his father's estate, Iverchroskie, Pitlochry, Perthshire. Mr. Cripps is a lieutenant in the Sussex Yeomanry and is a member of the Cavalry Club, Piccadilly.

MR. ALFRED HICKS, of Culverden Castle, Tunbridge Wells, the third son of the late Mr. Henry Hicks, of Bromley, Kent, was born on August 4th, 1868. Mr. Hicks was educated at Christ College, Finchley, and then entered business, subsequently becoming a member of the Stock Exchange. He has hunted with the Eridge now for some years past, sometimes following the West Kent. Among his best hunters, Acquisition and Culverden are the best known. In 1894 he married Evelyn, daughter of the late Mr. William Sentance, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr. A.
Hicks.

Mr. Hicks takes an active interest in municipal and political affairs, was Mayor of Tunbridge Wells in the year 1905-06, and is still a member of the Town Corporation.

A member of the Committee of the Eridge Hunt for many years, MR. JAMES FITZALAN HOPE, of Herons Ghyll, Uckfield, Sussex, was born on December 11th, 1870, and is the only son of the late Mr. J. R. Hope Scott, Q.C., of Abbotsford, county Roxburgh, by his marriage with the eldest daughter of the fourteenth Duke of Norfolk.

Mr. J. F.
Hope.

Mr. Hope was educated at Birmingham (the Oratory School), and Christ Church, Oxford. Since 1879 he has lived in the Southdown country, and began hunting about 1885, during the Hon. Charles Brand's Mastership. His residence is now in the Eridge territory, and he can, therefore, be considered more as an Eridge than a Southdown member, though he is a supporter of both. At Oxford, Mr. Hope hunted a good deal with the Bicester, Heythrop, South Oxfordshire, and the Old Berkshire. He was Conservative member of the Brightside Division of Sheffield in 1900, and since 1906 has been representing the Central Division of that city. Nearly every season he spends a few weeks at Minehead, hunting with the Devon and Somerset Staghounds.

Mr. Hope is a member of the Carlton and Travellers' Clubs, and of several cricket clubs, in which game he is keenly interested. He has been a J.P. for Sussex since 1895.

**Captain
R. B. Pott.**

CAPTAIN ROBERT BERTRAM POTT, the second son of the late Mr. Robert Pott, of Bentham Hill, Tunbridge Wells, was born in May, 1861. As a boy he hunted with the Surrey Staghounds, his home then being at Beddington, Surrey. During his schooldays at Winchester he hunted in the holidays at Beddington, where he followed the Old Surrey Foxhounds.

*Photo by Mayall, Piccadilly.*

CAPTAIN R. B. POTT.

After leaving school he entered business in London, and about twenty years ago came to live at Bentham Hill; he has since followed the Eridge, and served on the Committee for some ten years. Captain Pott is Lord of the Manor of Southborough, and an officer in the West Kent Yeomanry, with which he served during the South African War in 1900 and 1901. He is a member of the Cavalry, and Junior Naval and Military Clubs, and when in London lives at 15, Hanover Square.

Of the many good horses which he has owned, the best is Sir Richard IV., who won the Eridge Hunt Plate in 1907 and 1908.

MR. JOHN WADDINGTON, the owner of Waddington Old Hall, Yorkshire, and Ely Grange, Frant, Sussex, takes his name from the village of Waddington, in Yorkshire; he was born at Leeds on April 5th, 1855, and is the eldest surviving son of Mr. John Waddington, of Clarendon House, Leeds. Mr. Waddington finished his education in Germany, and in 1879 married Evaline, daughter of Mr. G. Shenton, of Perth, W.A., and sister of Sir George Shenton, President of the Legislative Council of Western Australia. They have one son, Mr. Albert Edward Waddington, who was educated at Eton, and Jesus College, Cambridge, and who married, in 1905, his cousin, May Theresa, daughter of Sir George Shenton.

The Old Surrey was the pack Mr. Waddington first followed when he was living at Beckenham.

In 1898 he came to Ely Grange, and for a few seasons hunted with the Eridge. He was a steward for some years of the United Hunts' Meeting at Lingfield, and the Eridge Hunt Meeting.

It should be mentioned that his Tyrone won the Red Coat Race of the United Hunt Meeting at Edenbridge, and with Bolitho he won the Red Coat Race of the Southdown Hunt. In 1877 Mr. Waddington made a name for himself as a highly successful amateur athlete throughout England and Ireland, and he is still devoted to all forms of out-door pursuits. He was one of the founder members of the Royal Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland, the first meet of which took place at Ely Grange. He devotes himself to music, and is an original member of the Royal College of Organists.

As a public man, Mr. Waddington is well known as one of the most important pioneers in the development of Western Australia. Trained as a civil engineer, he went out to that colony in 1897. He was fortunate enough to become a partner in that property now known as the Great Boulder Gold Mine. This beginning laid the foundation of Mr. Waddington's career and fortune, and now he is connected with some of the richest gold mines in Australia. He has also great influence in mining concerns in South America, and has taken a leading part in the commercial development of Abyssinia, for which service the Emperor Menelik granted him the Second Class of the Star of Ethiopia. He is one of His Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London, is J.P. for Sussex and the West Riding of Yorkshire, and a member of the Union Club, Brighton, amongst others. He has been nominated as High Sheriff for the county of Sussex for 1909.



MR. J. WADDINGTON.

THE TICKHAM.

THERE existed in the Tickham country at the beginning of the eighteenth century a Farmers' Club, consisting almost entirely of hunting yeomen and tenant farmers. A photograph of the casket in which the records of this club were kept we are enabled to reproduce. The club still exists at the present day.

In the year 1750 was born one Thomas Gibbs Hilton, known by the name of "Glory" Hilton, so called from his devotion to his favourite hound "Glory," with which he is depicted in the adjoining print. He is thus described :—"This celebrated sportsman is of the family of Hilton, of Hilton Castle, county Durham, a family of great antiquity and of the highest respectability; but as our intentions are to point out the rare qualities of this extraordinary man, we hope our readers will excuse our going further into family particulars.

"Mr. Hilton was perhaps at the zenith of his glory during the real splendour of the Provender Hunt, under the management of the late Sir Edward Knatchbull, which for good sport, good fellowship, and good hospitality, was never exceeded, if equalled, in any spot on the globe. But as there are revolutions in hunts, as well as in empires, this once happy state of things is now nearly forgotten, except to a chosen few, of whom our subject before us forms a conspicuous part. Keeping a pack of hounds himself, hunting also with all the hounds within his reach, from the hills, flints, and woods in Fallowfield, Kent, to the large fences and green velvet plains of Northampton and Leicestershire; from the deep toned enlivening, though slow hounds of the former, to the squeaking, flying ones of the latter, and riding equally well to both; knowing how to guard against disagreeable situations and to take advantage of good ones. This good-tempered, kind-hearted, hospitable, entertaining gentleman, though seventy-four years of age, mounts and dismounts with all the agility of youth, was never known out of spirits, or had the headache, for which blessing he thanks the health-enlivening chase."



THE FARMERS' CLUB CASKET.



MR. T. G. HILTON AND HIS HOUND GLORY.

Mr. Hilton resided at a mansion, situated at Marshes, Selling, Kent, his kennels being then in the present orchard at Norham, Selling, and the stables close to the house, on the foundations of which some cottages now stand. Mr. Hilton died April 13th, 1826, and there is a tablet to his memory in Selling Church.

From 1735 and onward, various packs hunted part of the Tickham country, and notably one, the Biddenden Foxhounds, under the Mastership of Mr. Beale, whose country apparently was roughly marked by Rye and Bodiam on the south, Wye and Lenham on the east, Sutton Valence and Marden on the north, and Goudhurst and Ticehurst on the west.

This pack was subsequently turned into harriers, and later on divided into three packs, under Mr. Swaffer, Sir G. Honeywood, and Mr. Withersden respectively. Later on still they were the nucleus

of the present pack, the Ashford Vale Harriers, which hunt fox and hare under Mr. John Buckland, in parts of the East Kent and Tickham countries.

In the year 1780, Edward Knatchbull (afterwards Sir Edward Knatchbull), married Miss Hingessen, hunting at that time a pack of foxhounds from Provender, his wife's property, in the now Tickham country, having for one of his hunt servants John Friend, who died in 1798, and whose tombstone in Norton Churchyard bears the following inscription:—"Sacred to the memory, etc., of John Friend, who died at the age of 31 years after fifteen years of faithful service." Sir Edward hunted these hounds subsequently for several years, when the pack was dispersed.

Lord Sondes then got together a fresh pack, hunting the country for a few seasons, and it is related by an individual who died some twenty years ago, at the age of ninety, that the Master on his death-bed had the hounds brought in, where they "bayed" him, and gave orders that they were to be killed and skinned, which order he stated was carried out by his father; this fact is given as hearsay, and the truth cannot now be ascertained; the pack, however, entirely disappeared.

Subsequently, Mr. Lushington started a fresh pack known as the Lodge Hounds, kennelled at Lynsted Lodge, the nucleus of which were the Meath Hounds, marked on the near shoulder with "M" branded; these, it is stated, were fetched from Ireland by one Giles Morgan (who was subsequently huntsman to Mr. W. Rigden, not to be confounded with Mr. Giles C. Morgan, who died in 1730, and who hunted a pack in the Blean Wood district). He brought them down on foot through London, blowing his horn on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral, where he collected the stragglers.

After a few seasons they were given up, and Mr. Pryce-Lade, a connection of the present Secretary, formed a fresh pack, which he subsequently handed over to Mr. W. Rigden in the year 1831, who, with a working Committee, undertook the duties of Master, the hounds taking the name of Tickham from the hamlet where they were kennelled.

In 1844, funds being in an unsatisfactory state, the pack was sold to Mr. Marriott, who then hunted part of the Essex country, and during that period part of the Tickham country was hunted by Messrs. Willes and Springett, with their dwarf foxhounds, presumably between 1835 and 1844. Mr. Willes, who was a cricketer and the introducer of "round arm" bowling, played for Kent in the year 1835, together with the three brothers, Messrs. William, Batchelor, and John Roper (who also kept a pack of harriers at that time at Hollingbourne), against an All England team at Leeds Castle; they subsequently gave up cricket for the superior attractions of the chase. About this period Mr. W. Rigden had as Joint-Master for the season, Mr. Duppa.

In 1845, Mr. Rigden, with Mr. Lushington (Joint-Master), started a fresh pack with Temple as huntsman, who died in 1855, having for a few seasons been relieved by Mr. Phil Barling, who undertook to carry the horn. In 1849, Tipton was the huntsman. In 1852, Mr. Lushington retired and Mr. Rigden started again with a Committee; he was one of the best woodland huntsmen in England. In 1865 funds were again low and foxes scarce; hounds were consequently advertised for sale, but a fresh Committee was formed, and Mr. Rigden, who was again Master, was three years later entertained at Faversham and given a testimonial in the shape of a large silver centre piece, "In recognition of his services as a thorough sportsman." At this time the Committee used to meet at the "Ship Hotel," Faversham, once a year, and they consisted of the following, who each subscribed £25 to the Hunt:—

Chairman—Thomas Kingsnorth; Vice-Chairman—Mr. Charles Neame; Members—Edward Blaxland, William Elvery, Harry Read, George Read, Robert Neame, Edward Neame, John Strouts, Robert George, Richard Knight, Thomas Bensted.

At the yearly meeting, accounts were gone into and the balance handed over to the Master. Business having been finished, dinner followed, and the wine was circulated by means of the old topaz bottles, and glasses which could not be put down until emptied, except by the president, who had a stand for the purpose.

In four years' time the Committee was reduced to the Master and Mr. Hall.

Mr. Thomas Bensted, who still hunts with the Tickham, did the settling with earth stoppers, poultry claims, etc.; the keepers getting £1 for a kill. He also, after mange had devastated the country, purchased from Covent Garden fifteen Scotch cubs at £1 a piece, and old Court (the earth

stopper), turned them out gradually in couples in the district most needing them. At this period "capping" was always resorted to for a kill, when the proceeds went to the acting huntsman, Phil Barling, who on some days got as much as £15, but averaged about from £3 10s. to £5.

In 1869, W. Fisher replaced Phil Barling, who again was succeeded by J. Machin from the Quorn in 1871, in which year Mr. W. Rigden was killed. Mr. Hall then succeeded, with Tom Hills from the Cotswold, *vice* Machin, who went to the Pytchley. In 1874, Mr. Hall retired, presenting hounds to Mr. W. E. Rigden, the latter taking on Tom Drayton from the Warwick as huntsman for two seasons, when he carried the horn himself in 1876, Ford coming on as kennel huntsman, with Tom Pedley as second whip. In 1877, after one season, in which Burton was first whip, Pedley was promoted to kennel huntsman, and Bob Jay was brought in as second whip; this time there was a nominal subscription of £700.

In May, 1883, Bob Jay was with the Hertfordshire, having been relieved by Jack Raby, who, under Tom Pedley, carried on until 1887.

George Morgan from the Sussex, succeeding the latter, who went to Captain Johnstone's in 1891,



From a picture in the possession of Mr. John Rigden.

MR. W. E. RIGDEN ON BATTLEDORE WITH THE TICKHAM HOUNDS.

Tom Clarke, from Captain Spicer's, took Morgan's place, who, with Charles Cheeseman, stud groom for twenty-six years, still carry on up to date.

Mr. Rigden was succeeded by Mr. George Evans, in 1904, from the Cambridgeshire as Joint-Master with Mrs. Rigden, the former carrying the horn for the first time with the Tickham, October 27th, 1901, with a subscription of £1,600, hunting hounds three days per week.

Mr. George Evans retiring in 1908, Mr. G. B. Winch and Colonel A. H. Carter became Joint-Masters, the latter hunting the hounds himself.

SIR EDWARD KNATCHBULL, mentioned in the history, was the son of Sir Edward Knatchbull, seventh Baronet, of Mersham Hatch, near Ashford, Kent, whom he succeeded in 1789. Born in 1771, Sir Edward, who represented the county of Kent in Parliament, was the first colonel of the East Kent Yeomanry, and also the founder of the Provender Hunt. It has been said that the officers of

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the Provender troop of Yeomanry, and the chief members of the Provender Hunt were pretty nearly identical. There are legends of the doings at Provender in those days, most of them now nearly forgotten, but illustrative of the manner of the times. One is, that at the Hunt Dinner at Provender, which used to take place about 4 p.m., each guest was expected to go down to the cellar and carry up as many bottles of port as he required, and it is reported that one well-known member of the Hunt always carried up one bottle under his chin besides those he carried in the ordinary way. Provender port had a great reputation, and it used to be drunk out of glasses of a peculiar size and shape. Some of these were not long ago, it is believed, in the possession of the late Mr. Philip Barling, of Lynsted, who at one time hunted the Tickham Hounds. The killing of a fox otherwise than by fair hunting was then considered a high crime and misdemeanour, and an old man from a parish near Norton once stated that he was afraid to go out of doors for a whole twelvemonth, as he had shot a fox, and Sir E. Knatchbull would have had him seized by the press gang and sent to sea.

Sir E. Knatchbull used often, in those days, to drive his carriage and pair up to London from Provender, about forty-five miles, with Dick Friend, brother to the huntsman John Friend, riding on horseback behind him, armed with pistols, on account of the highwaymen not infrequently to be met with in those days.

Mr. W.
Rigden
—Master,
1832-44;
1852-71.

The late Mr. WILLIAM RIGDEN, of Faversham, was connected with the Tickham Hunt for over thirty years, and held the Mastership from 1852 till 1871. A magistrate for the borough as well as the county, he had fulfilled several other public offices at various times, and was universally respected. In business he was a partner in the Faversham Bank, succeeding the late Mr. Henry Wright in 1850.

Mr. Rigden was born in April, 1792, and would have attained his eightieth year in a few months had he not met with the accident which deprived him of life and the Tickham Hunt of a Master who had for so many years controlled the pack to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The accident occurred when cub-hunting in October of 1871, when Mr. Rigden, in company with two other gentlemen, were cantering along Ham Hill Lane near Sandway. His horse slipped on a stone covering a drain running under the road, which had become overgrown with moss. The stone gave way, and the horse's feet went into the drain, throwing his rider head foremost to the ground, causing almost instant death.

The news caused widespread regret not only in the Tickham Hunt but amongst all who knew him in the neighbourhood.



MR. W. RIGDEN.

Mr.
W. E.
Rigden—
Master,
1874-
1904.



MR. W. E. RIGDEN.

In 1904, by the death of that good sportsman Mr. W. E. RIGDEN, the Tickham country lost a member of the family which for over seventy years had almost continuously been the mainstay of hunting in the country. He had himself held the Mastership for a period of thirty years (1874-1904). On taking over the hounds Mr. Rigden bought largely at the sales of Mr. Musters, the Hon. Mark Rolle, and Mr. Arkwright of the Oakley, so that, with a young draft from the Duke of Grafton's he soon got together a first-class pack of working hounds, and since then, by using hounds from the Fitzwilliam, the Duke of Grafton's, Mr. Fenwick's, and the Cattistock kennels had kept them up to the standard.

When he first assumed the onerous post of Master there was a difficulty in getting ten or twelve couples walked, but by instituting puppy shows and giving prizes for the three best dogs and bitches, in addition to Mr. John Rigden's prize for the best couple walked in the same place, he had no difficulty in getting out thirty to forty couples of puppies.

A great many of the farmers in the district took a couple, and some as many as two couples; whilst the puppy show day at the kennels, with the lunch afterwards, when about fifty of the farmers attended, was quite looked forward to by them as an annual holiday.

Mr. W. E.
Rigden.

The proprietors, too, with some few exceptions, were good men and true, but in some cases it is to be feared that pheasants were preferred to foxes. In 1877, Mr. Rigden, finding the accommodation at the old kennels insufficient, purchased twelve acres of land at Wren's Hill, where he put up new kennels, stables, and cottages. The kennels and stables were built on Mr. Rigden's own plans, designed more for comfort than show, but they proved eminently healthy. There was room for twenty hunters in the stables, and the late Master was always pleased to show his arrangements to any stranger interested in such matters.

In 1895, on the occasion of the completion of twenty-one years' Mastership, Mr. Rigden was presented with a magnificent hunting picture, in which he was the central figure, the artist being Mr. Hayward Hardy. He afterwards received another gift from the Hunt, who presented him with a silver-mounted hunting crop, on the occasion of his marriage in December, 1902.

Mr. W. E. Rigden died September 26th, 1904, having hunted the hounds up to the time of his death.

MR. GEORGE EVANS has spent the greater part of his life as a Master of Hounds; from the age of thirteen he hunted a private pack of beagles which originated from the Eton Beagles, where he was educated. Born in 1872, he is the son of Mr. Carbery Evans, Hatley Park, Cambridge. His brother, Mr. Carbery Evans, was Master of that county pack at the time our subject left school, and he hunted with these hounds until the former's resignation, when he took his place at the early age of twenty. Tom Newman was his huntsman at first, but in 1895 Mr. Evans carried the horn himself, with J. Budd as kennel huntsman. He hunted the Cambridgeshire three days a week, with occasional by-days, for ten seasons, keeping an establishment of twenty-four well-bred short-legged horses, and forty-eight couples of hounds, largely of the Belvoir strain.

Mr. G.
Evans
Master,
1904-08.



MR. G. EVANS.

In the season of 1903, Mr. Evans, being without a country, went a round of twenty-three different packs. He took six horses, which he disposed of at an average of 200 guineas each. The following year he joined Mrs. Rigden in the control of the Tickham, Tom Clarke continuing as kennel huntsman, with forty-five couples of hounds, the dogs averaging 24 inches and the bitches 22½ inches. His stables have consisted of some twenty blood horses, the best of which were Northern Light, winner of the Heavy-Weight Point-to-Point in 1907, owner up, and Cobbler, who won the West Norfolk Point-to-Point in 1903, also winner under National Hunt Rules.

During his Mastership of the Tickham, Mr. Evans records his best run when, finding in Dunn Street, Westwell, they ran by Long Beach, Chapel Wood, Vine Wood, Warren Street, Oaken Pole, into Sharsted, and thence up into Easterling, killing in Park Bottoms, in 2 hours 35 minutes.

With his experience in hound breeding, Mr. Evans' services have often been in request at Peterborough. In the Tickham kennels, as in Cambridgeshire, he favours the Belvoir blood, which is easily traceable in the line pack, of which the necks and shoulders, with great depth of girth, form strong points.

A keen participator in most branches of sport, Mr. Evans is a staunch preserver of both pheasants and foxes. He has also judged horses at all the biggest shows in England and Wales.

MR. GEORGE BLUETT WINCH, son of Mr. George Winch, of Holcombe, Chatham, was born on June 14th, 1868, and educated at Charterhouse, and Trinity College, Cambridge. He began hunting in 1889, and has followed the West Kent Foxhounds, the West Kent Harriers, the Mid

Mr. G. B.
Winch
—present
Joint-
Master.

Mr. G. B. Winch. Kent Staghounds, and the Tickham Foxhounds, of which latter pack he is now associated with Colonel A. H. Carter as Joint-Master.

He is a major in the Royal East Kent Yeomanry, a member of the Cavalry and Ranelagh Clubs, and lives at Boughton Place, Maidstone.

Colonel A. H. Carter—present Joint-Master. COLONEL A. H. CARTER, of Milstead Manor, Sittingbourne, Joint-Master of the Tickham, the son of Mr. Henry Carter, J.P., of Wickham, Hampshire, was born on September 17th, 1856. Educated at Eton, and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, he joined the Royal Artillery, and after completing five years as lieutenant-colonel, left the Service on retired pay. Most of his hunting, which he began in 1865, has been with the Hambledon, but he has visited numerous packs, including the West Kent, the Essex, and the Garth. In 1904-05 he acted as Master of the Potchefstroom Garrison pack in South Africa, and in the season 1907-08 accepted the Mastership of the South Westmeath.

He formerly took part in many hunt and regimental steeplechases, especially in the Isle of Wight. He is a member of the Naval and Military and M.C.C.

Mr. T. Bensted. MR. THOMAS BENSTED, of Tonge, who was born in 1823 and lived formerly at Down Court, Doddington, has been one of the most prominent supporters of the Tickham, and may be described as the present "Father of the Hunt."

A member of the old Hunt (Farmers') Committee he undertook all the duties of paymaster in the early fifties, and has carried on his work of love in the interests of the Hunt up to the present date. His endeavours to re-stock the country with foxes after it had been devastated by mange are described in the History. His reminiscences of the past are of extraordinary interest; a sportsman in every sense of the word, farming a good deal of land, a rare judge of either horse or hound, he is well known and equally well liked by all. An owner of many a good horse in his time, a breeder of Kent sheep and shorthorns, a subscriber to the Hunt, both by subscription direct or indirect, no man will be more missed when he ceases to take an active part in the Tickham Hunt.

We are indebted very largely to him for the use of his intensely interesting diary, touching on many a knotty point and many an amusing incident, and his recollections of those long past and gone being won back by his vivid description to believe that they are almost still with us, thereby lightening the regrets and sorrows of those who feel their loss.

His son, Mr. H. T. Bensted, of Teynham, was born in 1856, educated at Boston School, Lincolnshire, and commenced hunting in 1862 at six years of age. His first meet was at Lynsted, in Phil Barling's time, under the late Mr. W. Rigden, for which he was pulled out of bed early in the morning by his father. He also recollects Messrs. Octavius Tyler, Edward Blaxland, and John Strouts being there at that time.

He went into business in 1873, farming Pheasants Farm, Milton, and managing the Torry Hill Estate for Mr. E. Leigh Pemberton, M.P., hunting when he could, getting odd days with staghounds under the late Mr. Charles Leney. Then coming to Teynham in 1879, he farmed 450 acres, hops, shorthorns, and Kent sheep being his specialities. His best horses were, a chestnut gelding by Flying Comet out of a clean-bred mare bred by his father; Mr. Bensted rode him for twelve trainings in the Yeomanry, in which (East Kent Yeomanry) he has served for thirty-three years, also Long Tom, bought from Mr. Gascoigne, who got him from Ireland; he also owned the roan gelding Robin, by Passe-par-Tout (Mr. Rigden's), which is now the property of Mr. E. Faunce de Laune.

His best runs were from Blacketts, *via* Rodmersham Church past Torry Hill and Wrinstead Court Park over the Downs, skirting Harrietsham, Ulcombe, and King's Wood, and losing the fox close by East Sutton Park, a straight point of fourteen miles. Like his father, Mr. Bensted is a member of the Farmers' Committee and one of the keenest of sportsmen.

Mr. F. Cobb. MR. FRANK COBB, of Faversham, was born in 1813, son of Mr. Alfred Cobb, of Badlesmere Court, Kent. After being educated at Boughton and Waudsworth, Mr. Cobb started hunting in 1863 on a pony with Mr. Lushington's hounds, when Phil Barling was huntsman, Mr. Hall at that

period being Joint-Master with Mr. Rigden. The East Kent and West Kent also afforded him good sport occasionally.

Mr. F.
Cobb.

His best horses included a clean-bred bay mare, 15.2, a most brilliant hunter, who carried him for three seasons. Bagged foxes were constantly resorted to in the Tickham at this period, being caught up one side of the country in the early morning, and liberated the other side, thereby making sure of a good point, as a rule. One thus found, having been turned off at the back of Sharsted Court, ran through Belmont, Badlesmere Park, *viâ* Long Beach, Godmersham, and Kingswood, across the river, killing at Penny Pot near Chartham; out of a field of over sixty, only Messrs. Robert and Charles Neame, Elvery, George Read, Fred. Lees, Edward Neame, Charles Dodd, F. B. Cobb, and Phil Barling were in.

Mr. Cobb rode to hounds consistently until an injury, about twenty years ago, prevented him from doing so; but at most meets, no matter what the distance, he with his daughter is to be seen with his pony and cart until hounds go home. In July, 1884, they found at Cromers, ran *viâ* Mincing Wood, Tory Hill, Oaken Pole to Warren Street, through Long Beach to Eastwell Park, back to Stalisfield, losing in Spuckle's Wood, a twelve-mile point. He was present at the first point-to-point started in Mr. Rigden's time at Newnham Bottom in 1887, and also at Lenham in 1889, when the M.F.H., riding for the first time in a point-to-point, broke his collar bone. Mr. Cobb is one of the oldest members of the Faversham Farmers' Club, and is the Treasurer to the same.

Mr. Cobb used to farm some 400 acres at Throwley, and also went in for coursing; one brace of greyhounds he owned killed over thirty hares in one season on the farm.

MR. EDMUND FAUNCE DE LAUNE, of Sharsted Court, Sittingbourne, was born December 31st, 1872, and is the second son of the late Mr. C. de L. Faunce de Laune (late Secretary of the Tickham), who died in 1892, and who, combining the sportsman and the artist, exhibited in the Royal Academy.

Mr. E. F.
de Laune.

Educated at Eton, he afterwards travelled round the world, in 1891-92; he subsequently went to Jesus College, Cambridge. He has hunted with the Tickham since he was eight years old, having odd days with Lord Middleton's and in Devonshire.

His best horse, one De Wet, bought at Tattersalls, came out of the Devon and Somerset country, ran second (beaten by only a short head) in the light-weight point-to-point, over three and a-half miles, and was subsequently bought by Captain Spanton, of Shepherd's Well, Dover, who passed him on to Captain Barker.

MR. WILLIAM ROPER DIXON, of Home Farm, Teynham, is the grandson of Mr. William Roper, who was born in 1798, and migrated to Teynham from Hollingbourne in 1819. He was a prominent member of the Old Provender Hunt in Mr. Lushington's and Mr. Pryce-Ladde's time, and also hunted with Jack Willes, of Sutton Valence, who drew part of the now Tickham country about the year 1835. Mr. Beale's Biddenden Foxhounds were also going in those days, taking in a small country with, roughly speaking, boundaries of Bodiam in the East Sussex country, Rye in the East Kent, Cranbrook, Sutton Valence, and Pluckley.

Mr. W. R.
Dixon.

Messrs. W. Bachelor and John Roper's Harriers were sold to the late Empress of Austria in 1859; they consisted of sixteen couples, and at the time of her death the same blood was kept in the kennel.

A prominent member has lately gone from the Tickham; MR. H. W. TYRWHITT DRAKE, of Cobtree, Sanderling, Maidstone, died on August 5th, 1908. The son of the Rev. John T. Drake, Rector of Amersham, Buckinghamshire, whose name is familiar to all sportsmen throughout England. He was born in 1846, and when a boy of ten Mr. Tyrwhitt Drake was hunting in the Cottesmore country, first with Lord Lonsdale, when Jim Morgan was huntsman, then with Lord Malden. He came into the Tickham country in 1870 and has hunted more or less with them ever since.

Mr. H. W.
T. Drake.

He recalled an extraordinary run right at the end of the season, leaving home at 7 a.m. for an early meet at Stockbury, he did not get back until 6.30 p.m., after running all day.

His best horse was Emerald, by Lord Goff, a fine hunter, who won in the show ring as light-weight at the Mid Kent Agricultural Show, 1893, and whom he hunted for eleven seasons.

Mr. H. G. T.
Drake.

His son, Mr. H. G. TYRWHITT DRAKE, was born in 1881 and educated at Charterhouse. Starting his hunting at the age of five years with Mr. Henry Brassey's Harriers, of which Bollen was huntsman, he has since followed the Tickham, West Kent, and "Hundred of Hoo" (Messrs. Gibson and Swindell respectively in command); the latter was then a trencher-fed pack, with a subscription of from £100 to £500, and consisted of twenty-five couples of hounds, hunted finally by a Committee, with one, Morgan, as huntsman; they used to kill about eight to ten brace in the season.

Mr. L.
Finn.

Mr. LEWIS FINN, auctioneer and estate agent, a keen supporter of the Tickham Hounds, commenced hunting with them in 1883, and has since been a regular follower. Son of Mr. G. W. Finn, of Westwood Court, Faversham, he was born in 1872, and educated at King's School, Canterbury. His best hunters are Dolly Varden, a 16-hand bay mare, by Gideon, which won the Farmers' Race in 1895 and 1896, the Tickham Farmers' Race in 1896, and prizes in the three-year-old hunter class at Banbury; and Conn, winner of the Tickham Light-Weight and second in the East Kent Races.

Mr. Finn, who has been in most of the good things in the Tickham country, lives at Westwood, Faversham.



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MR. L. FINN'S CONN.

Mr. W.
Gosse.

Mr. WILLIAM GOSSE, M.D., of Sittingbourne, was born in Lincolnshire in 1860, and is the son of Mr. William Gosse, of St. Leonards. Educated at University College, Aberystwyth, and Charing Cross Hospital, he started hunting in 1870 and used occasionally to whip in to the Nanteos Harriers, his

father then farming in Wales. He subsequently hunted with the East Sussex (1887-88) (Mr. Charles Egerton being Master), and then came into the Tickham country, in which he has since lived. His odd days have been with the Quorn and other Midland packs. In 1899 he married Miss G. Shakespear, of Langley Priory, Leicestershire. Of his many possessions in the way of horse flesh the best was a bay gelding, clean bred, well known in the field as Old Bones, who was a wonderful horse over timber.

One of his best runs was in 1905-06, in an afternoon after a blank morning, hounds found at Mincing Wood, going away fast by Lenham Hill, and after traversing a stiff bit of country, killed in the open, but the last fence in the run was a stiff stake and binder, at which Mr. Lowe's horse broke his neck and the Master's horse came down, leaving only Mr. E. Faunce de Laune and two others in the field.

Lieut. R. J.
Howard,
R.N.

LIEUT. ROBERT J. HOWARD, R.N., of Rushett, Faversham, the son of Captain J. H. Howard, R.N., was born on August 2nd, 1878, and entered the "*Britannia*" at Dartmouth in 1893, becoming lieutenant in 1900. Most of Mr. Howard's opportunities for hunting in this country have been with the Tickham, although when stationed at Plymouth and Portsmouth he followed the Dartmoor, West Hambleton, and neighbouring packs. He has also hunted with the Royal Calpé Hounds at Gibraltar.

Mr. E.
Morgan.

Mr. E. MORGAN, the son of Mr. Andrew Morgan, of Nonington, Dover, was born in 1860, and educated at Canterbury and the Veterinary College at Edinburgh. In 1875 he began hunting with the East Kent, and followed them until 1882. In 1889 he came to the Tickham country and has since hunted with these hounds.

One of his best runs was in the season 1901-05, on a blazing hot day and the last of the season, when they killed in Hockley Hole: the pace was so fast and the day so hot that many good horses were ridden to a standstill.

Another good run took place in 1898, hounds found in Divan Wood and ran *via* Hockley Hole and Vine Wood to Eastwell Park, killing under the park wall by Boughton Moph. Mr. Morgan rode one of his best horses, Sunshine, a 15.2 chestnut gelding, who carried him for ten seasons. He considers Matchbox, now in the Hunt stables, the most suitable type of horse for the country.

MR. ROBERT MURTON, of Davington, Faversham, son of Mr. John Murton, of Charing, was born in 1848 and educated at Boughton. When he was seventeen years of age he had his first day with the Tickham, in Phil Barling's time. After having left school he visited the Warwickshire and Heythrop, when Mr. Lucy was Master of the former, and imprinted on his memory is one Sam Gulliver, of Swalecliffe, a one-armed man, dealer and breeder of horses and owner of Chevalier d'Industrie. He also recollects the late Squire Sheldon, of Brailes (a great breeder of shorthorns), the late Lord Redesdale, and the late Sir Charles Mordaunt.

Mr. R.
Murton.

His best run with the Tickham he considers was, finding near Stalisfield, killing in Bounds Gate Mill, near Badlesmere, when himself, Messrs. W. B. Neame and W. E. Rigden were up.

Mr. Murton farms some 500 acres of land, including hops and Kent sheep amongst his specialities. He is a keen shooting and coursing man, and a thorough all-round sportsman. He is a member of the Farmers' Club.

Born in 1859, MR. HERBERT ABBOTT NEAME, the son of the late Mr. Robert Neame, of Fairbrook, commenced hunting with the Herne Hill and Graveney Harriers in 1869 on a pony, which was so diminutive that his father for a wager carried it down from the "Ship Hotel" yard to Bowling Green, a distance of about fifty yards, winning the pony as the result.

Mr. H. A.
Neame.



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MR. E. G. NEAME.

Mr. H. Neame hunted whenever home from school with the Tickham and East Kent and East Sussex; then going for a time to Ingham, near Bury St. Edmund's, put in two seasons with the Suffolk, under Colonel Josselyn, Tom Enever then being huntsman. Returning to Tickham, he subsequently hunted up to 1893. His best horse was Dizzy, bred by Mr. Scott, of Boy's Hall; Dizzy was sold to Mr. Cosier for £120 and Empress to Lord Sondes for £80, the former dropping dead in the coach on starting from Canterbury; also Acorn, a bay gelding, 15.3, from the Devon and Somerset country, for whom £130 was refused.

His best run was with the Suffolk, near Stowmarket, when two horses died in the field.

and educated at Ramsgate and Uppingham. He started hunting with the Tickham in 1899, and has since hunted regularly with that pack and the East and West Kent.

The first race in which he rode was for Mr. Lewis H. Finn, on Com, a grey gelding 15.2½; winning the Light-Weight Members' Sweepstakes on April 6th, 1906. On the same day he rode Mr. C. J. Bryant's brown mare Firefly in the Farmers' Race, placed fourth. In 1907, at the Thanet and Herne Meetings he rode Mr. G. Evans' brown gelding Huntsman; third in Light-Weight Open Race to Mr. H. Buckland's Discovery II., he also rode for Mr. G. Evans on Hog, and Mr. Ledger's Plunger in 1907.

MISS MADELEINE NEAME, the eldest daughter of Mr. P. B. Neame, of The Mount, Faversham, practically the oldest member of the Tickham, is one of the keenest lady riders to hounds in the country; she is a good horsewoman and possessed of excellent judgment and nerve.

His son, MR. ERIC GIBSON NEAME, was born in 1885

Mr. E. G.
Neame.



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MISS M. NEAME.

Miss M.
Neame.

Mr. C. G.
Neame.

MR. C. GORDON NEAME, of Copton Manor, Faversham, was born in 1870, and is the son of the late Mr. Charles Neame, of Copton Manor (who was a regular follower of the Tickham and a member of the Farmers' Committee). After juvenile hunting with the Tickham, he started regular work with that pack on December 26th, 1888, and since that date has put in just upon 1,000 days, including the East Kent, Ashford Valley Harriers, and a few by-days in the Limerick and Carlow countries.

Amongst his best of many good runs he includes one on December 31st, 1895. Finding in the top end of Cook's Covert and running very fast, hounds killed at the London Road at Bapchild, about a seven-mile point and only seven left in out of a good field, including the Master (Mr. W. E. Rigden), Messrs. Vallance (2), Gascoigne, Dick Cooper, and a stranger.

His best horse has been Limerick, a bay gelding with two white socks, a wonderful performer over timber, who carried him for eight seasons.

He has also accomplished something in the way of a record with his bay mare Daphne, which was bought originally from a gipsy, at two years old, ridden with the East Kent Yeomanry in her third year, hunted at four years; she was bought by him when eight years old and ridden till eighteen, covering in the ten years some 16,500 miles.

Mr. Gordon Neame farms some 700 acres of land, grows hops, and breeds pedigree Kent sheep and pedigree Sussex cattle. He is never absent from any hunt within distance.

Misses
E. M.
and
M. F.
Norton.



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MISS M. F. NORTON.

Amongst their best horses they include the grey mare Rona, 16 hands, who took the special prize for the best hunter in the shire within nine miles of Maidstone, owner up. Rona came from Captain Phillips in the Hampshire country, and has carried them several seasons without a fall, also Kitty, a polo pony, 14.3, was a good performer over a country.

One of the many good runs in which the Misses Norton took part was from Kingsacre Wood, through Lenham, Grafty

Green, King's Wood, and

Hollingbourne Hill, where

they lost him, Messrs. Tuke, Gordon Neame, de Laune, Dick Cooper, and many others were up.



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MISS E. M. NORTON.

Mrs. W.
Leigh
Pemberton.



MRS. W. LEIGH PEMBERTON.

MRS. W. LEIGH PEMBERTON, of Wrinstead Court, Sittingbourne, daughter of Captain Erskine, of the Gordon Highlanders, of Cambo House, Fifeshire, brother of Sir Thomas Erskine, Baronet, commenced hunting in 1897 with the Tickham Hounds in Mr. W. E. Rigden's time, and also followed the Dartmoor, South Devon, and Mr. Tanner's. Her best runs were, one with Mr. Rigden, from Kingsdown Wood, killing at Harrietsham, a seven-mile point, and another with Mr. George Evans, from Lucerne Street to ground at Butt's Bank, Wrinstead.

Her horses include Jack, by Jack Shepherd, a 14.3½ roan gelding, bought from Mr. Leney, and a black polo pony, Quality, an Argentine, belonging to Mr. G. Evans.

MR. JOHN RIGDEN, of 23, Bolton Gardens, S.W., and Faversham, the son of the late Mr. William Rigden, of Faversham, Master of the Tickham for many years, was born in 1846, and at ten years of age made his first appearance in the hunting field, when he was blooded by old Tipton, the Tickham huntsman. While he was at Eton he followed the college beagles, and hunted with his father's pack during the holidays.

In 1865 he went up to Cambridge and entered Trinity College, where he rowed in the third Trinity eight. He took his degree in 1868, and three years later, on the death of his father, he joined his brother, the late Mr. William E. Rigden, in the large family brewery business at Faversham.

At this time the family was also interested in a big provincial banking firm of the name of Hilton, Rigden, and Rigden, which was afterwards taken over by Prescott's Bank, and is now amalgamated with the Union of London and Smith's Bank.

During the early part of the Mastership of his brother, Mr. W. E. Rigden, Mr. John Rigden hunted the pack regularly and occasionally with the East Kent and Surrey Union.

Since 1888, Mr. Rigden has not hunted much, but his son Charles, who is now at Eton, inherits the family love of sport and is a keen horseman.



MR. JOHN RIGDEN.

Mr. J. Rigden.

Of yeoman ancestors in the west of England, and son of the late Mr. George Tett, of Cheselbourne, Dorset, Mr. HENRY SEYMOUR TETT, of Whitehill House, Ospringle, Kent, was born on September 16th, 1846, and educated at Dorchester and at the Proprietary School, Edgbaston. His hunting experiences date from the time when he was twelve years old with the South Dorset Hounds, then under the Mastership of Mr. Charles J. Radclyffe, when Kennett was huntsman. Occasionally he had a day with the Cattistock and the Blackmore Vale Hounds, in Mr. Digby's Mastership. He also remembers Mr. J. J. Farquharson and his huntsman Treadwell.

In 1872, Mr. Tett came to live in Kent, and has since been a faithful follower of the Tickham Hounds, Whitehill House being a frequent meet. For the last twenty-five years he has been in many a good run, of which we record one on April 2nd, 1904, the last kill of the season. Meeting at Doddington, they found their first fox in Shelland Wood, and ran him across the Frith and back to

Shelland Wood to Road Fann Common and Otterden, where they lost. The second fox was found in a large tree in Otterden Park, a man dislodged him with a hop pole; he came down some twenty-five to thirty feet through the air and went straight away to Divan Wood and Kettle Hill; here he turned sharp back and made for the Hockley Valley, but was again headed, in the Statesfield Road, and turned down at Arnold's Oak into New Cut, over to Cream Wood and Belmont, to Town Place, over the meadows towards Throwley Church, past the Vicarage and on to Walk Wood, then to Wilderton, ringing round that wood twice and going by the hospital to Coney Wood into the orchards of Whitehill House, through the garden, trying to get in at the drawing room window and conservatory, but being met



MR. H. S. TETT.

by the gardener, he scaled a ten-foot wall into the orchard again, where he was killed after two and a-quarter hours' good hunting run.

Riding some fifteen stone, Mr. Tett's horses have to be weight-carriers, and mention must be made of Roderick, a well-bred bay from the North Warwickshire country, which he hunted for seven seasons from 1896. At the present time he has Rufus, a very good hunter, and Kerry Dance, an Irish horse which has done well in 'points-to-points' in his native country. Kerry

Mr. H. S. Tett.

Mr. H. S. Tett. Dance is a bay gelding, 16.1, eight years, by Hero, dam by Reveller; he is a good hunter and fast, up to any weight.

Mr. Tett farms between 200 and 300 acres, he is owner of the estate at Whitehill, and a noted small fox covert at Otterden on Rood Farm, which is rarely drawn blank.

He is fond of shooting, going north regularly as August comes round. For fifteen years he carried on a large farm in the Isle of Sheppey, where he took a great interest in coursing, the popular sport of the Sheppey farmers. He is a member of the Constitutional Club, and also of the Faversham Farmers' Club, which is limited to twelve members, the oldest institution of the kind, having been established in 1727, as reference to the illustration in the History of the Hunt will show.

Mr. G. M. Tuke. Mr. G. MONTAGUE TUKE, of Sutton Valence, commenced hunting with the Tickham under Mr. W. E. Rigden's father and Mr. Hall's Joint-Mastership in 1862, hunting later on with the Pychley, 1876-77, in the days of Will Goodall, huntsman, and Goddard, first whip, when Lord Spencer was Master and "Bay" Middleton on the Priest was in his prime; when Drage on a piebald pony, and Cooper from East Haddon were prominent followers, and a dog hound, Archibald, was conspicuous in the pack.

With the Tickham, Mr. Tuke recollects an occasion when Mr. Rigden, on Old Patience, whom he bought from the late Lord Guilford, having run a fox "stone cold" to Bearsted Green, hearing a "Hallo" on top of the hill, collected his hounds and galloped to the sound. Arriving there he asked the individual "Which way the fox had gone."

"I aint see'd no fox," said he.

"What did you 'Hallo' for then?" asked Mr. Rigden.

"For my own pleasure," was the answer.

The sequel may be left to the imagination!

Mr. Tuke has been a consistent follower of hounds, and one of the straightest riders in the Tickham Hunt, which he has assisted much by his keenness in "walking" puppies; he has taken many prizes.

Mr. R. Tylden. Born in 1854 and educated at Rugby, and St. John's College, Oxford, Mr. R. TYLDEN, of Milstead Manor, Sittingbourne, is the son of the Rev. W. Tylden, of Stanford, Hythe, Kent. Commencing to hunt in 1860 with the East Kent Hounds under Mr. Brockman and the late Lord Guilford's (Bevan kennel huntsman). From the University he hunted with the South Oxon, Bicester, Old Berks, Heythrop, and "V.W.H." up to 1876. Since those days he has hunted with many others, and when residing in Norfolk with the West Norfolk, under Mr. Anthony Hammond.

His best run with the Tickham was when hounds met at Bradhurst, found at Cow Back, and ran *riâ* Boxley Warren, Thurnham, and Hollingbourne, killing just below the hill, Captain Beever picking him up, distance seven miles in forty-five minutes, Mr. Rigden, old Mr. de Laune, Captain Beever, Mr. Gordon Neame, Miss Lawrence and our subject being in at the finish.

THE EAST KENT.



From a picture in the possession of Mr. Laurence Hardy, of Sandringham Park.

THE EAST KENT FOXHOUNDS. (UNDER THE MASTERSHIP OF SIR F. HONYWOOD.)

IN the year 1788, Mr. Brockman, of Beachborough, kept a pack of hounds, presumably kennelled at Onderhill, near Shorncliffe Camp, with which he used to hunt the country. The livery was green, and though from that fact it might be argued that they were harriers, still it is an ascertained fact that the hounds hunted fox. A set of six pictures, now in the possession of Mr. J. F. Drake Brockman, of Beachborough, by "Sartorius," dated 1792, depicts an historical run. In one of these, Mr. Brockman (the huntsman) appears, in a tree, holding a fox by its brush, his horse standing by him, and the hounds "baying" round. Mr. Brockman and a friend in pink—Hunt servants in green. The hounds were apparently trencher-fed in summer months, and only kennelled for the hunting season.

Simultaneously with the above, another trencher-fed pack hunted the adjoining district, Messrs. Frank Pettit and Taylor bearing the chief share in the expense. Part of the pack was kept at Quilhampton, near Pedlinge, where kennels still stand, and part at "The Bell," Newington, of which Frank Pettit was then tenant. Pettit's hounds used to hunt by means of "tufters," which first drew the fox before the body of the pack were laid on.

It is related as a fact that the Royal Navy are deeply indebted to these foxhounds in that Mr. Pettit, having the credit of making money by means of his horses and hounds, supplied Mr. Pettit Smith, afterwards Sir Francis Pettit Smith, with the sinews of war to enable him to bring out his invention of the screw propeller.

It is presumed that Mr. Brockman's and Mr. Pettit's hounds formed the nucleus of the pack subsequently hunted by Mr. Filmer Honeywood in 1814 and onwards, when they were first kennelled as a pack, and put into regular livery. This forms the subject of the above picture.

In these days, one Tom Norris was earth stopper. His son, Stephen, succeeded him. Stephen's mother brought him up, together with a brace of fox-cubs, at breast simultaneously. This is well authenticated.

In 1811, on the resignation of Mr. Filmer Honeywood, Sir Henry Oxenden took over the Mastership, being succeeded, in 1832, by Mr. F. D. Brockman (great uncle to the present owner of Beachborough), who reigned for thirty-eight years, during part of which period he kennelled his hounds at Ham Street.

In 1871, the late Lord Guilford took over the pack, with Ben Painting as huntsman, G. Cox as first whip, and Jerry Stockwell (who came with the hounds) as second whip. The latter only stayed one season. Then came Nat Smith for one season, and afterwards E. Abel, for two seasons. The new stables and kennels, which his Lordship was having built, not being completed, the hounds were kept in temporary kennels at Eythorne for eighteen months. They were then removed to their new quarters at Waldershare. In May, 1875, Painting, Cox, and Abel all left, and his Lordship decided to carry the horn himself, with John Hills (from the Fitzwilliam kennels at Milton) as kennel huntsman and first whip, and R. Prior as second whip. These men remained on four seasons. Lord Guilford then giving up the Mastership, was succeeded by Mr. Mackenzie, with Hills as huntsman, R. Prior first whip, and C. Fox second whip, his Lordship lending both hounds and kennels. The pack then consisted of about fifty-two couples—twenty-four couples of dog hounds and twenty-eight of bitches. They were a splendid lot, including Belvoir, Fitzwilliam, Badminton, and Tickham strains; also a very big draft from Sir Watkin Wynn's kennels. In 1881, the hounds were sold to Mr. W. H. White, of Essex, and split up—the dog pack going into Essex, and the bitch pack into new kennels at Elham, where they are now kennelled, Mr. White became Master, and carried the horn himself; R. Prior, first whip and kennel huntsman, C. Fox remaining on as second whip.

The kennels at Waldershare being situated on one side of the country, there were sometimes as many as twenty miles to journey to the meet and the same home. To obviate this, his Lordship had a hound van, to take hounds to long meets. The foxes of to-day are not like they were then. A remarkably fast run took place in the end of the season 1875. The meet was at Bossingham Street, the hounds were put into Atchester Wood, and, at the sound of horn, a great dog-fox, dark in colour, went away at once in the valley below Palmsted. The dog pack were soon on his line, and, with a burning scent, they never left their fox until they killed him, close to St. Albans House—a seven-mile point. There were very few who saw hounds roll over their quarry.

A long run took place the following season, from Hedon Wood, of over three hours' duration, hounds eventually running into the fox in the middle of a field within a hundred yards of some big earths near Elham.

A great run again the following year is recorded—finding near Adisham, and hunting him for over two hours from the Stone Street side of Stelling Mimmis, the fox doubled back into the valley below Atchester Wood. Darkness coming on, and hounds getting on better terms, with a new stake and binder in front, his Lordship made the remark to Bob—"That it was quite dark enough for jumping. However, it had to be done, or not see hounds again." His Lordship's horse, however, made a mistake, and both came down into the next field, happily with no damage. It was quite dark when hounds pulled down their fox near Red Mill.

The "fields" in those days were of the old-fashioned sort—good old country squires. A few names of those who followed hounds at that period include Messrs. W. O. Hamond, St. Albans; J. B. White, Street End; Narborough D'Aeth, Knowlton Court; Kay, Godmersham; J. J. Harvey, Statenboro'; Banks, Oxney Court; C. S. Hardy, Chilham Castle; Pomfret, Ashford; the Hon. James (now Lord Northbourne); Major Laws, Old Park, Dover; the late Lord Granville; Revs. Hughes Hallet and Biron; and many others.

The hounds that came in from walk during the last year of Lord Guilford's Mastership were



THE LATE SIR JOHN FAGGE.
(A prominent covert owner and
follower of the East Kent.)

exceptionally good. The Duke of Beaufort came and selected a few couples of young ones, and one or two couples of one-season hounds, which were freely used in the Badminton kennels.

Lord Guilford was exceedingly fond of his hounds, and it did not matter at what hour they came in at night, wet or fine, he would stand in the "Pew," and watch them fed. When hounds were taken to their new kennels, it was a great grief to him to see them being taken away. His stable consisted of twenty-six horses, and a real good lot, the pick of them being Moonshine, a black; Favourite, a chestnut, up to great weight; and Surrey, a bright bay, whom his Lordship, as Colonel of the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles, used to ride as a charger. Another little horse, Surprise, must not be forgotten—a grand performer. Seven young horses, by Verdant, went with Lord Guilford into the Cattistock country, bred at Waldershare. The sad death of Lord Guilford is fully described under the Cattistock Hunt.

In 1879, Mr. F. J. Mackenzie undertook the Mastership, and, as previously stated, the kennels were still on Lord Guilford's estate, Waldershare, where, indeed, they remained until the hounds were sold to Mr. White, who was Master for one season only. He was followed by Mr. E. R. Swarder, who, after hunting the country for seven seasons, retired, in 1889, in favour of Captain F. Fitzroy. He in turn was followed by Mr. Charles W. Prescott Westcar, who continued until 1893. The pack again changing hands that year, Mr. A. B. Worthington became Master, only to be relieved the following season by Mr. L. E. Bligh. The latter ruled over the fortunes of the Hunt for some four seasons, when Mr. Wilfred Baker White, of Street End, Canterbury, carried on until relieved, in 1900, by the present Master, Mr. H. W. Selby Lowndes, whose pack now consists of about sixty-eight couples of hounds, of an average height of $22\frac{1}{2}$ inches. They are chiefly conspicuous for their unlagging perseverance on a catchy scent. Mr. Selby Lowndes' stable establishment consists of some fourteen horses. His kennel huntsman and first whip was Jack Grant, who, with Fred. Grant, his brother, as second whip, carried on the official duties in the field until 1908, when H. Turk became kennel huntsman, and C. Comins and Savage first and second whips respectively.

The regular hunting days are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, with sometimes a by-day, when the whips' places are taken by amateurs—Lord Guilford and Messrs. Virgil, Pomfret, and Churchill.

The Oxendens are an ancient Kentish family, having been settled in that county from a period to which memory of man testifieth not to the contrary. They were originally of Oxenden, in the parish of Nonington, in the church of which village Solomon Oxenden, who married the daughter of Alexander Dene, of Dene, next Wingham, was buried, *temp.* Edward III. Richard Oxenden of this family was Prior of Canterbury Cathedral. Sir Henry Oxenden, of Dene, near Wingham, was knighted in the year 1606, and his grandson, Henry Oxenden, of Dene, made a baronet May 8th, 1678. His grandson, Sir George Oxenden, represented Sandwich in Parliament for many years, and was a Lord of the Admiralty; he was the great-grandfather of the subject of this memoir. SIR HENRY CHUDLEIGH OXENDEN, eighth Baronet, was born June 24th, 1795, and succeeded his father on September 22nd, 1838, and was educated at Eton, and St. John's College, Cambridge. After the manner of his father before him, he early showed a predilection for horse and hound, and, as the "light blue" seat of learning was not then so biassed in these matters as it afterwards became, was a patron of sport in general, and hunting in particular.

In such a game-stocked county as Kent is to-day, it is not easy to imagine that there was a time when the fox reigned supreme. Such was, however, the case in the year 1814, when Sir Henry Chudleigh Oxenden first took the East Kent country. His chief difficulty was in getting a pack. He, however, collected, from various sources, a pack of bitches, which he had spayed, with which he showed good sport to the yeomen of Kent. In his earlier days, we believe, he kept a pack of harriers, as well as foxhounds, but at what precise date they were abandoned we are unaware. It was a custom of his to visit the Continent yearly, usually making Pau his headquarters, where he kept a pack of foxhounds for the edification of himself and friends. These hounds were of exceptional class, and used, it may be added, in a somewhat exceptional manner,

Sir H. C.
Oxenden,
Bt.
—Master,
1814-32.

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Bt.

for, if a fox could not be found, they hunted wolves, although, we believe, they never broke one up, owing to the exceptional speed and endurance of these savage beasts.

A fine horseman, usually breeding his own hunters, a liberal landlord, and great breeder of horned cattle and sheep, Sir Henry Chudleigh Oxenden was also an accomplished gentleman. He died at his residence, Barham, near Canterbury, August 11th, 1889, in his ninety-fifth year.

Mr. F.
Brockman
—Master,
1833-70.

When a man hunts a pack of hounds for thirty-eight seasons with uninterrupted success, it must, of course, be assumed that there is far more of the noble science in him than the uninitiated can grasp. Such a one was Mr. FREDERICK BROCKMAN. The seventh son of Mr. James Drake Brockman, of Beachborough, Kent, he succeeded his brother, the Rev. Tatton Brockman, to the family estates in 1868. At that time, however, he was by no means a novice in the hunting field, as he first became a Master in 1833, when he succeeded Lord Fitzwalter and Mr. Deedes, of Sandling Park, as chief of the East Kent Foxhounds. When Mr. Brockman began to hunt the country, his task was by no means an easy one. The game preserver was in great force, and had it not been for his tact, and the popularity he enjoyed with farmers and agriculturists generally, the vulpicides would have got the upper hand. As it was, they had asserted themselves to such an extent that it became necessary to re-stock with a batch of bag-foxes, which we have heard had been trapped in France, and sent to this country. In this connection a curious incident occurred. The foxes, we believe, were smuggled into Kent, and turned into the Beachborough coverts beneath "the pale glimpses of the moon," when few inquisitive observers were likely to be about to watch the operation. One of the foxes, which was almost white, evidently with a desire to return to his native heath, found his way into the "York Hotel," Dover, and was doubtless waiting for the boat! The landlord knew Mr. Brockman, however, and, having reynard captured, despatched him by special messenger to Beachborough, where he was duly released upon a safer part of the estate.



MR. F. BROCKMAN.

It must be noted that, after the manner of many men who have distinguished themselves as Masters, Mr. Fred. Brockman had learnt much from his father, who had kept hounds for many years; and, indeed, it must be noted that our subject was familiar with horse and hound from his childhood. Always carrying his own horn, he was a workman in the field, and, while a real houndman, he invariably let the pack alone, only helping them when it was imperative. Should occasion demand it, however, there was no Master of his day quicker in his casts, or better able to tackle a shifty fox than he.

A great favourite with the Army men, on account of his knowledge of the sport, he occasionally had a little too much of the "thirsting" division. A cubhunting incident which occurred has proved the subject of many a story at covert side. Having found a litter of cubs at Hden Wood, he was working the youngsters to his heart's content when he heard a view hallo from the upper side of the covert, and was in time to see an old dog fox steal away towards a distant haven. "He's gone away! gone away!" shouted half-a-dozen young blazers. "Come on, old fellow; clap 'em on!" Mr. Brockman, it must be remarked, was wearing an old covert coat and breeches to match. His apparel bore witness to much service, and the youngsters, mistaking him for one of the Hunt servants, continued their vociferations. "Loo back! Loo back!" was Mr. Brockman's words to his hounds. The young militants were much annoyed, and one, pulling out five shillings, and another a half-sovereign, they pressed it on the Master, telling him to pocket it and clap on the hounds at once. Lifting his finger to cap, he said firmly, "Much as my place is worth, gentlemen; daren't do it. Hoick back! Hoick back!" Having

killed a cub or two, the field pulled up at a wayside inn for refreshment, and, as the landlord lifted his hat to Mr. Brockman, when handing him a glass of sherry, it dawned upon the "young idea" who the old fellow they had patronized so liberally really was. Like a sensible man, the Master never bore any ill-will in connection with the incident, but always treated it as a good joke.

**Mr. F.
Brockman.**

After thirty-eight years of distinguished service in the cause of foxhunting, as before mentioned, Mr. Brockman was compelled, by failing health, to relinquish the saddle and the horn which he had carried so honourably in the best interests of the country side. Regret was general, and due appreciation of his services found expression in the presentation of a splendid service of plate.

Mr. Brockman, who was the patron of three livings, died in 1876, leaving Beachborough to his nephew, Mr. Francis Drake Brockman, who was born in 1851 and educated at Harrow. He started hunting with the East Kent as a boy, and continued regularly until a few years ago, when his health necessitated his giving up the saddle. Although no longer able to participate actively in the sport, he still has the interests of the Hunt at heart, and is a keen preserver of foxes as well as pheasants.

The prosperity which the East Kent Foxhounds had enjoyed under the lamented Earl of Guilford was added to when Mr. E. R. SWORDER took office in 1882. Foxes were by no means plentiful, but Mr. Sworder was a very keen hand, and had a talent for finding foxes where most men would have missed them. He also added materially to the strength of the pack by judicious breeding. During his Mastership, which lasted seven years, he nearly lost his life by a fall of earth, when digging for a badger. We believe he never really recovered from this accident, and was still weak from it when he left the East Kent, in 1889, to take over the Mastership of the Hertfordshire, of which pack he was the controlling hand for ten or eleven seasons. In this connection, it may be noted, that when he went into the last-named country he took with him some fine hounds and much improved that pack. He at first hunted one of the Hertfordshire packs himself, leaving the other to the care of Charles Harris, for many years first whip to "Bob" Ward. In 1893, however, William Wells came as huntsman, Mr. Sworder having to relinquish the horn, owing to another serious accident. He resigned that Mastership in 1898.

**Mr. E. R.
Sworder
—Master,
1882-89.**

A sportsman to the manner born, we more especially associate the name of Bligh with the county of Kent. Son of the late Hon. Edward Vesey Bligh, the subject of these notes, Mr. LOBOVICK EDWARD BLIGH, was educated at Eton, and Jesus College, Cambridge, taking some finishing touches, as far as foreign languages and literature were concerned, in Germany. He married, in 1886, Marion Louisa, eldest daughter of the late Rev. F. A. Stewart Savile, of Hollenden Park, Kent. After holding a commission in the East Kent Militia (the Buffs) for seventeen years, he retired, in 1889, with the rank of major. He is a magistrate for county Kent.

**Mr. L. E.
Bligh—
Master,
1894-98.**

Introduced to the saddle when quite a youngster at the University, he did his full share with neighbouring packs, and, upon taking up residence in his native county in 1877, started a private pack of harriers, which he hunted himself. In 1879 he became Master of the Hadlow Harriers. This he continued for two seasons, but gave up here in order to act as Deputy to his uncle, the Hon. Ralph Nevill, then



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MR. L. E. BLIGH.

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Bligh.

Master of the West Kent Foxhounds. In this capacity he showed first-rate sport for eight seasons, during the last three of which he hunted the more eastern and rougher portion of the country, maintaining a pack at his own expense.

With the enlarged experience thus obtained, Mr. Bligh was, needless to say, an acquisition to any country, and, being requested, accepted the Mastership of the Dulverton, taking his pack with him. In that land of good sportsmen, and straight-necked wild foxes, he showed grand sport, one of the game animals yielding his brush only after a seventeen-mile point, having run through three countries. This run is still treasured in the folk-lore of the West country. In 1891, Mr. Bligh accepted the Mastership of the South Berks; but the opportunity occurring, in 1891, he returned to his native heath, and became Master of the East Kent Foxhounds. For this pack he did yeoman service. A practical houndman, his staff shared his enthusiasm, and when he retired from the Mastership in 1898, to take a rest for a few months, he left a vastly improved lot of hounds in the kennels at Elham. The following season he took over the Minehead Harriers, of which pack he is still Master.

An excellent sportsman, his favourite game is cricket, and upon more than one occasion he has wielded the willow for his county. His sons and daughter show evident intention of following in the paternal footsteps. His country house is at beautiful Minehead, Somersetshire.

Mr. J.W. B.
White
—Master,
1898-1900.

The son of the late Mr. John Baker White, Mr. J. W. BAKER WHITE was born in 1877. Beginning to hunt as a child with the East Kent Hounds, he followed the Bicester and Heythrop from Christ Church, Oxford, as an undergraduate. Requested to take the Mastership of the East Kent, he did so at the early age of twenty, with Hills as huntsman. He continued in office for three seasons, showing first-class sport. Subsequently, in 1901, he took over the West Kent, which he hunted, with equal success, four seasons, George Bollen being his first huntsman, and then Tom Darch.

When his favourite sport is not available, he is equally at home with the gun. In the latter connection, it may be mentioned, that he is among our notable big-game shots, many beautiful heads and other trophies, chiefly from various parts of Rhodesia, South Africa, adorning his house. The family, it may be mentioned, have been closely identified with the fortunes of the East Kent, as it was owing to the generosity of the late Mr. John Baker White that the pack was not sold. The Hunt being in financial difficulties, Mr. White stepped into the breach, purchasing half the hounds, in order that the pack should not be lost to this country.

Although Mr. White did not go in for point-to-point races or steeplechase work, he owned many horses capable of winning such events. Among his best hunters were Norah, bought from Mr. Hornby, in the Essex Union country; Nobby, from Taunton Vale; and Banjo, from the Oakley district, who carried him six seasons without a fall. He bought him in 1883, after he had carried Tom Whitemore three seasons with that pack.



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MR. J. W. BAKER WHITE.

Mr. H. W.
S. Lowndes
—present
Master.

MR. H. W. SELBY LOWNDES, of Fox Lodge, Lyminge, Kent, who has held the Mastership of the East Kent Foxhounds for the past eight years, was born in 1873. Educated at Farnborough and Eton, at the age of sixteen he went abroad for three years to the Argentine, where he hunted a "bobbery" pack of foxhounds. Marrying at twenty years of age, he went to Market Harborough and followed Mr. Fernie's and the Pytchley. He next took the Wells Harriers, in Somersetshire, which he hunted two seasons, both hare and fox. This pack consisted of twenty couples of 21-inch pure-bred dwarf foxhounds. From there he migrated north, taking the Bilsdale, a trencher-fed pack, built kennels for them and hunted the country for three years, up to 1900. In that year he took over

the East Kent country from Mr. Baker White, bringing down Walter Nickall as first whip and kennel huntsman, from the Bilsdale; the latter was replaced two years later by Jack Grant, son of the Badsworth kennel huntsman, who still holds the position.

Mr. Selby Lowndes' best runs in the East Kent country include one from Newingreen: finding in Lympe Park, ran to Hillhurst by Corduit Street, to Allington Knell (five miles), down into

Mr. H. W.
S. Lowndes.



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THE EAST KENT FOXHOUNDS. (MR. H. W. SELBY LOWNDES, MASTER.)

Fishpool Bottoms, and on to Bilsington and Ruckinge and Capel Arlston, from there going to Ham and on to Appledore, getting back home at 12.30, hounds not being kennelled until 1.30 a.m.

Amongst his horses were Forrester, bought from Mr. Lambarde, of the West Kent, a chestnut horse, and winner of prizes in the show ring, whilst he also owned the champion stonewall jumper, Dublin Show, subsequently sold to Mr. W. Winans.



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LIEUT.-COLONEL O. S. MARTINDALE-VALE.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL O. S. MARTINDALE-VALE, the Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, and a Field Master of the East Kent Foxhounds, is the son of Major H. E. Martindale-Vale, of Coddington Court, Herefordshire, who is a Deputy-Lieutenant for that county. Colonel Martindale-Vale was born in 1861. Choosing the Army as a profession, he was gazetted to the 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, and first saw active service with the Bechuanaland Field Force in 1884-85. He also served with the Mounted Infantry in South Africa during the late War, being actively engaged from January, 1900, until June, 1902. He has three medals and five clasps. A sportsman from his youth up, he began hunting, as a child, with both the Ledbury and Croome Hounds, with which packs he has been associated, duty permitting, until recently. In 1902, he accepted the Secretaryship of the East Kent Foxhounds.

Lt.-Col.
O. S.
Martindale-
Vale
— Hon. Sec.

He considers the best horse he ever owned was Bismarck, a bay gelding, which he bought from Lord Portman. Major, another fine performer, won the Welter Steeplechase, in the Croome country, in 1891.

**Lt.-Col.
O. S.
Martindale-
Vale.**

During his six seasons with the East Kent, he thinks the best run to have been from "The Dog," Clambercrown, three years ago, at a by-day meet at the Covey Wood. Reynard, after encircling this great wood (about three miles in extent) three times, ultimately went away, and ran to ground in Waldershare Park, a good seven-mile point.

**The Rev. H.
B. Biron.**

The oldest member of the East Kent Hunt, the REV. H. BRIDGES BIRON is descended from a Huguenot family who settled in Ireland in the days of Henry of Navarre. He is known as the genial, hospitable Vicar of Lymington. The son of the Rev. Edwin Biron, late Vicar of Lymington, he was born June 13th, 1835, and educated at King's School, Canterbury, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. At both seats of learning he met with some distinction, in athletics, particularly the high and long jumps. A fair, all-round cricketer, he was not in the University Eleven, but subsequently played for the county of Kent during many years.

He began hunting in 1811, being "entered" to the East Kent when Mr. Brockman carried the horn, and was assisted by Henry Hobday and Tom Piddock as first and second whips, when those two smart Hunt servants were in their prime. Among the important members of the Hunt at the time, Mr. Biron remembers Mr. Robert Thompson, of Saltwood, who was born in 1802, and died at the age of ninety-three, after a good sporting innings. Mr. Charles Price was then Secretary; whilst among the more prominent yeomen and tenant farmers were Mr. James Watts, of Hythe; Mr. John Taylor, whose eldest daughter married Mr. Alfred Dadds, of Bargrove, now so well known at East Kent covert sides; Mr. Tilt, of Smeeth, must not be omitted, or Mr. John Kingsworth, who farmed much land in the district; Mr. John Jones, of Dymchurch, was a well-known sporting farmer, and, in addition to hunting, was a great lover of the leash. Of the large landed proprietors and covert owners, Sir John Fagge, Baronet, of Mystome, was a prominent member till his death; others being Sir H. Oxenden, formerly Master; Lord Winchelsea; Mr. Deedes, who was Joint-Master with Sir Brook Bridges; Mr. Narborough D'Aeth, of Knowlton; Mr. Hammond, of St. Albans; Mr. Papillon; and Mr. Brockman, of Beachborough. The present Squire, who, by the way, is the only son of Mr. Frank Brockman, the youngest of eleven brothers, but who next succeeded to the property.



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THE REV. H. B. BIRON.

Mr. Biron hunted, as Curate of Mersham, with Mr. Brockman, and then under the Mastership of Lord Guilford, through the various Masterships, down to the present date. He seldom however, is now seen in the hunting field. He has met with some success as a rose-grower.

**Colonel G.
P. Blake.**

COLONEL G. P. BLAKE is the son of the late Mr. J. B. Blake, of Thurston House, Bury St. Edmund's. Entering the 71th Regiment, he exchanged into the 84th, and first saw active service in India during the Mutiny; was mentioned in despatches, and was especially promoted for gallantry in that regiment. In a total of thirteen engagements, he commanded the Grenadier Company, at the Relief of Lucknow, with Havelock's Force. Subsequently changing into the Army Service Corps, he finally accepted the appointment of Adjutant to the Yeomanry.

The Colonel recalls some forty-four packs in England and Ireland alone with which he has seen sport, not to mention those of other countries; but for the last seven seasons he has regularly followed the East Kent.

Among a host of good hunters, he considers the best was Acorn, bred by Mr. Charles Schreiber, who, when running in 1868, at Diss, Norfolk, cleared twenty-nine feet at the brook. He was unfortunately killed by lightning, thus putting an end to what promised to be a great career between the flags.

Colonel Blake is perhaps the boldest rider in the Hunt, with perfect hands and a powerful seat. A splendid whip, he has endeared himself to many friends, as he is a kind and genial sportsman,

Mrs. Blake, who has been closely connected with hunting all her life, takes an intense interest in all that pertains to the noble science. The widow of the late Mr. T. Duffield, formerly Master of the Old Berkshire, she for many years hunted with that pack.

Colonel G.
P. Blake.

Born in 1857, Mr. ARTHUR BLAXLAND is the son of Mr. John Blaxland, of Kingsdown, Sittingbourne, and formerly farmed largely in Norfolk, where, as a matter of course, he followed all packs within reasonable distance, the chief of which was the West Norfolk Foxhounds. Eventually moving to Berwick Manor, Lympne, near Hythe, in Kent, he now farms some 100 acres, and is a constant follower of the East Kent. He first hunted with the Tickham, when a boy of six, on a pony presented to him by Mr. Philip Barling, at that time huntsman of those hounds, under the Mastership of Mr. Rigden.

Mr. A.
Blaxland.

The best horse, possibly, which has carried him is Safety, a bay gelding, standing 15.2, which he bought from Mr. John Buckland. He has ridden him for eleven seasons with the East Kent.

Mr. Blaxland resides at Berwick Manor, Lympne, near Hythe, Kent.

MR. HARRY BUCKLAND, of Chilmington House, Great Chart, Kent, was born in 1879; his sporting instincts have always been in evidence, and at no time of his life can he be said to have been unable to ride. With wonderful hands and a powerful seat he has held his own with the best cross-country riders in England, having won some 260 odd races, including fifty-seven points-to-points and steeplechases for one owner, and twenty-eight for another, and, in 1906-07, out of seventeen races he won thirteen; in addition, he has won many prizes in the show ring, both at home and abroad. He rode winner of high jump at the International Show at Olympia, 6 feet 8 inches.

Mr. H.
Buckland.

A good judge of a horse, it is needless to say he has been, and still is, an owner of some grand animals, and at Spa, Belgium, for two years running won the Queen's Prize over a six and a-half miles' course with some forty jumps, finishing up with the last two fences stiff post and rails. Anything like an enumeration of Mr. Buckland's successes would take far more space than is at our command.

Mr. Harry Buckland married, in 1904, Miss J. M. Peters, who was well known as a brilliant rider with the East Sussex Foxhounds. Her reputation has been further enhanced in the East Kent country, where she undoubtedly holds the palm over a stiff line. With beautiful hands and a seat like a rock, she has added to her laurels at Spa, where, with Mountain Deer, she took off many prizes in the jumping competitions, whilst her old favourite, Model, by Pearl Diver, stands unrivalled as a brilliant hunter, for whom no jump is too big.

Mr. H. Buckland has hunted with various packs, including the United and South Union, Mr. Fernie's, East Sussex, Dartmoor, New Forest, Mid Kent, Tickham, and East Kent. He whips in to his father with the Ashford Valley Harriers, and is a successful trainer with some useful horses; a keen shot, plays polo, and a thoroughly good all-round sportsman, with his many pursuits he combines farming, and is a successful breeder of Kent sheep.

One of the oldest members of the East Kent Foxhounds, and a regular follower for many years, is Mr. A. E. DADDS, who was born in 1842, and is the son of Mr. Dadds, of Thanet. He inherited the love of hunting from his grandfather, on his mother's side—the Collards, of Thanet. Commencing in 1860, with the late Mr. Brockman, he continued from that date to 1863, occasionally having by-days with them. Subsequently, from 1863 to the present time, he has never missed a season, and very few meets within distance when business permitted—averaging over that long period some thirty to thirty-five days a season. When it is taken into consideration that in the earlier years of his hunting career hounds only met five days a fortnight, in a very big country, it will be realized how regular an attendant and how good a supporter of the Hunt Mr. Dadds has proved himself.

Mr. A. E.
Dadds.

One of the best runs, still in his recollection, was in the late Mr. Brockman's time. Finding at Herringe Brook, ran *viâ* Lympne Park, Bilsington, Allington Knowle, killing in Hillhurst, only four being up, including himself, Mr. Baker White, and Mr. Hammond.

Mr. A. E. Dadds.

Another run, in 1881, from Heyton Wood into Nackholt, and back to Brabourne Combe, killing on the hill by Brabourne Down. He and Lord Northbourne got away together; Mr. Dadds was riding his horse called Water Cure, and getting a bit behind, the Rev. Hyde Smith raced him over a big fence; the latter's horse swerving, and Mr. Dadds being unable to check his own, jumped right over the hindquarters of Mr. Hyde Smith's horse, and landed safely the other side. Another memorable run was in Mr. Sworder's time—a very late season, on April 25th, 1888. They found in Brooke (where the foxes had been killing lambs), ran through Nackholt, over Brabourne Combe and Downs, to Southey's Coverts, through Stouting-Rough into Brabourne Village, killing in forty-acre wood, the snow lying in big drifts, still unmelted.



MR. HASTINGS E. J. EYRE.

The best horses Mr. Dadds has owned have been Water Cure, Soda, and Ballot Box, the latter of whom belonged to Sir P. Nicholls. He came in third in the Grand National, and ran well also at Croydon, carrying 13 st. 7 lb. He stood only 15.1.

Mr. Dadds farms largely, and has always proved himself a thorough sportsman, whilst Mrs. Dadds—formerly a Miss Taylor—was associated from her earliest days with the fortunes of the East Kent Foxhounds.

Mr. H. E. J. Eyre.

Born in 1877, Mr. HASTINGS E. J. EYRE is a son of the late Colonel Eyre, of Eyrecourt, county Galway. Passing into the Army, he was gazetted to the 4th Somerset Light Infantry, and served in that regiment from September, 1896, to January, 1900. Joining the 38th Regiment in that month, he was ordered to South Africa, and served throughout the War, being, part of the time, attached to the 11th and 4th Mounted Infantry. He was engaged in the relief of Wepener and the surrender of Prinsloo, winning two medals and five clasps.



MRS. EYRE.

Beginning to hunt, as a child, with the Hambledon, he then had

a turn in Ireland with the Kildare, and, returning to this side, became a follower of the Atherstone and East Kent, having, since 1896, hunted principally with the latter pack. He married, in 1905, Miss White, sister of Mr. Baker White, who was Master of these hounds for four seasons. He considers the best of his horses to be Viceroy, which ran second in the Heavy-Weight Point-to-Point event at the Ashford Valley Steeplechases in 1906, and won a jumping prize at the East Kent Horse Show, Ashford, in the same year.



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THE EARL OF GUILFORD.

Earl of Guilford.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE FREDERICK GEORGE NORTH, D.F., EIGHTH EARL OF GUILFORD, of Waldershare Park, Dover, and Glenham Hall, Wickham Market, Suffolk, was born in 1876, and educated at Eton. After studying for the Army he finally decided not to enter the Service. Commencing to hunt under his father's Mastership in the Cattistock country, in 1883, he has continued up to the present date; the countries visited including the Croome and Worcestershire.

Lord Guilford eventually settled at Waldershare, undertaking the various calls of a land owner, and whilst farming extensively himself, finds time to hunt regularly with the East Kent. For several seasons he hunted the West Street Harriers, and subsequently lent the kennels to the country. He married, in 1901, Miss Violet Pawson; her Ladyship is well known as one of the keenest riders in the East Kent Hunt.

Lord Guilford served for five years in the Gloucestershire Militia, and at present holds a commission as major in the East Kent Yeomanry.

**Earl of
Guilford.**

A keen supporter and Field-Master of the East Kent he is always to be found in the van; he has been the owner of many good horses and has taken part in practically all the best runs in the country. Like many other good sportsmen he is very fond of shooting. We are indebted to Lord Guilford for many details concerning the late Earl, his father, in connection with his Mastership of the East Kent, as set forth in the history of the Hunt.

As all the world knows, Mr. LAWRENCE HARDY is a staunch Conservative and Tariff Reformer, fighting the good fight of principle. Perhaps, however, everyone is not aware that he is a sportsman in general and lover of hunting in particular. Coming, however, of a good old English stock, it would naturally be presumed to be the case. The son of Sir John Hardy, Baronet, he was born April 14th, 1854, and began hunting, some ten years later, with the Meynell. Subsequently he added to his experience by following the Bramham Moor. Transferring his suffrages, in 1893, to the East Kent, he has been a diligent supporter in every way of the Hunt since that year.

**Mr. L.
Hardy.**

With the interests of agriculture always at heart, he makes his support practical, and as a stockbreeder of Sussex cattle and Romney Marsh sheep has met with considerable success in the show ring. Among his fine collection of paintings is one depicting the Old East Kent Foxhounds in 1810, at a time when Mr. Filmer Honeywood was Master, which he has permitted us to reproduce. Mr. Hardy resides at Sandling Park, Hythe.

Daughter of the late Sir John Honeywood, and sister of the present baronet, Miss H. Honeywood, of Evington, Kent, has been connected with the East Kent Foxhounds all her life, not only by her sporting tendencies, but also by the fact of her direct relationship to those who have been so intimately connected with the fortunes of the pack in times past. A fearless and bold rider to hounds herself, she is always to be seen in the van, and not only does she shine in the field in her own country, but is well known in the Fitzwilliam, and some of the grass countries of the Midlands. Fond of all animals, country life and sports, Miss Honeywood enjoys herself equally well either in the musical world or in society.

**Miss H.
Honeywood.**

THE REV. HYDE SMITH, who is the son of the Rev. Courtney Smith, Rector of Pleasley, Derbyshire, and was born in 1811, has many a reminiscence of old-time sport. He began hunting, with Mr. Edmund Barnes—the Barlow Hounds, a trencher-fed pack—in Derbyshire, Will Hopkinson being huntsman, and Bacon whip. Hopkinson was wont to turn out at daybreak, go to the top of Pudding Pie Hill, blow his horn, and thus assembling the pack from miles around, bring them down to Mr. Barnes' house. Hunting by "Quest" was then started with a few hounds, the scent becoming strong, the whole pack took up the line. Splendid sport usually ensued, and long points were made. One, in 1850, he remembers which took them from Cathole up to Chatsworth, and on to the moors. Migrating to Pleasley, he hunted with the Rufford, then under Captain Williams.

**The Rev.
H. Smith.**

Taking a curacy at Breewood, in Staffordshire, Mr. Hyde Smith hunted with the Albrighton, and well recalls Mr. Stubbs, of Wrottesley, who had a black mare, renowned the country over. Moving to a curacy in Northampton, Mr. Hyde Smith, after hunting two seasons with the Pytchley and Grafton—1869-71—was appointed Vicar of Cardynham, Cornwall, and hunted with the North Cornwall until 1873; he moved into East Kent during the latter year, when Lord Guilford, Narborough D'Aeth, William Hammond, Admiral Rice, and many other famous sportsmen of old supported the East Kent Foxhounds.



THE REV. HYDE SMITH.

The Rev.
H. Smith.

Mr. Hyde Smith has been in many great runs, and seen many big things done in the hunting field. One he recalls as the most wonderful jump he ever saw. It occurred with the Thanet Harriers. Mr. Parsons, on a horse called *The Stag*, jumped two fences and a lane, near Herne, in his swing.

The best horse Mr. Hyde Smith ever rode was a chestnut, covered with warts. He rode a grey, bought at the Bellus sale, belonging to Mr. Cozier, in the wonderful run with the South Oxfordshire, from Menmarsh Guide Post, after the Bicester Ball, in February, 1882. Hounds ran an immense distance through the cream of the Bicester country, and when they killed, in the Rev. Mr. Jones' garden, at Stratton Audley, only four were up—the subject of our notice, H. Parsons, junr., William Phillips, and Molyneux, the whip. Mr. John Thomson came up shortly after Harry Molyneux had killed the fox.

The Rev. F.
C. Timins.

Son of the late Captain O. F. Timins, of the 82nd Regiment, the REV. FRANK CHARLES TIMINS was born, in 1866, at Brighton. Educated primarily at Tonbridge School, he subsequently went to Clare College, Cambridge, where he took his M.A. degree.

The athletic side of his nature early showed itself, as he played in his school eleven, and afterwards had a thwart in his college eight.

Curate first at Warrington, Lancashire, he was appointed Rector of Brattleby, in Lincolnshire, in 1893, in which year he was married to Emily, second daughter of the late John Kynaston Cross, formerly M.P. for Bolton, and Under Secretary of State for India.

With the Burton Hounds he rode one of the best horses he has owned. The hunter in question, *The Curate* by name, was purchased from Mr. Ernest Chaplin, who bred him, and was by Lord Malden, out of a nearly clean-bred mare. He was a wonderful performer over any country.

Another of many good ones owned by the subject of these notes, *Blue Boy*, must not be omitted. This horse, a short-backed, compact gelding, by *Danebury*, is still in his possession. He has carried his owner fourteen seasons with only one fall.

He has been associated with the East Kent since leaving the Burton country in 1896, and his horse, *The Bishop*, standing just over 16.2, figured conspicuously in the Ashford Vale Steeplechases in 1893, being beaten by a length only for the principal event, and subsequently, for two years in succession, ran well at the East Kent Point-to-Point meetings.

A lover of polo and cricket, he still enjoys both pastimes. As a whip, he is often on the box during the summer months, and is frequently to be seen with four useful hunters in his team.



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THE REV. F. C. TIMINS.

Mr. W.
Winans.

Artist, sportsman, traveller, and lover of horse and hound, we hesitate in which capacity to first write of Mr. WALTER WINANS. Born in St. Petersburg, in 1852, he is the son of Mr. William L. Winans, of Baltimore, U.S.A., and was educated in St. Petersburg, and at University College, London.

Early familiar with horses, he began hunting, when eight years of age, with the Southdown Foxhounds and Brookside and Brighton Harriers. Then followed experiences with the Warnham and Surrey Staghounds.

In 1897, he went to reside at his present seat, Surrenden Park, in the East Kent country. He diversifies his days with this pack by visiting surrounding ones, notably the Mid Kent Staghounds, Tickham, and Ashford Valley Harriers.



Mr. Walter Winans.

— George K. S. 1903.

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Meanwhile there is no chance of sport failing, as Mr. Winans has a pack of draghounds at Surrenden, and is also Master of the Spa Draghounds, under the immediate patronage of the Princess Clementine.

Mr. W.
Winans.

When we come to talk of the horses owned by the subject of these notes, the difficulty arises as to which to omit. Famous alike on the trotting track and in the field, his name is known throughout the world as a breeder and exhibitor.

Among his notable animals, Golden Dream, a bay gelding by Scene Shifter, won eight point-to-point races, in one carrying 15 st. 7 lb., beating a clean-bred horse in the open race. He also won several Hunters' Improvement Society medals. Golden Ray, bred by Major Balf, won the Dublin Championship; Blackthorn II. won seven point-to-point races and two steeplechases; Parcels Post and Maize (by Hominy) both won the Championship of Belgium; Foam, a grey gelding, who won several prizes, was ridden in the procession following the funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria; Ben Bolt, although foaled in Virginia, was by Ben Battle, and won several point-to-point races and steeplechases; he jumped six feet in height; Maretana was champion in the riding class, Olympia, 1907; L'Étoile du Nord won the gold medal given by the King of the Belgians; Sirdar, a bay gelding, 15.3, was the champion stonewall jumper at the Dublin Show, 1907; General Cronje won the High Jumping Championship in Belgium, by clearing 6 ft. 8 ins.; Lady Belle (American bred) has jumped seven feet in height, and won many championships.

One of his favourite hunters was Rose, by Warrington, bred by himself, which he rode fourteen seasons without a fall. In connection with her name he recalls a splendid run with the Mid Kent Staghounds in 1893. Finding at Surrenden Park, they ran several hours, the deer eventually being taken in the sea at New Romney. Another veteran which did yeoman service was an old horse called Buxton, which he bought as a nine-year-old, and subsequently hunted for fourteen seasons and hacked for four.

Love of big-game shooting has taken Mr. Winans to many countries, and his trophies amount to some 1,565 head, including wapiti, red deer, axis, roe deer, and wild boar.

The world's champion revolver shot, he has won the Championship of England with that weapon for twelve years, and at Bisley he won first prize for shooting the "running deer" on four occasions.

As artist, painter, and sculptor, he has won silver medals at the Paris Exhibition, and also in Tasmania and South Africa. His collection of bronzes is unique.

Born June 2nd, 1874, Mr. GERALD WOODS WOLLASTON, M.V.O., Bluemantle Pursuivant of Arms, is the son of Sir Arthur Naylor Wollaston, K.C.L.E., and grandson of the late Sir Albert William Woods, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., etc., Garter King of Arms.

Educated at Harrow, and Trinity College, Cambridge, he was subsequently called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1899, and in 1902 was appointed Fitzalan Pursuivant of Arms Extraordinary for the Coronation, entering the College of Arms, in 1906, as Bluemantle Pursuivant.

Although Mr. Wollaston's official duties at the Heralds' College do not permit of much leisure for hunting, he has since his Trinity days taken every available opportunity of indulging in his favourite sport.

From his father's seat at Walmer, he has for many years been a regular follower of the West Street Harriers, his association with those hounds dating back to the Mastership of Mr. R. Coleman, who took over the pack formerly owned by Lord Granville. He has also been



Mr. G.
W. Wollaston.

MR. G. WOODS WOLLASTON ON LADY MANNERS.

Mr. G. W. Wollaston. a frequent follower of the county packs, in the shape of the East Kent Foxhounds and the Mid Kent Staghounds.

When unable to spare time to hunt so far from town, he is frequently to be seen at meets of the Middlesex Farmers' Draghounds, which show good sport in the country on the borders of Middlesex and Herts, under the Mastership of Mr. A. E. Gostling. He rode third in the Bar Light-Weight Point-to-Point Race in 1908, at their meeting at Hawthorn Hill, Lady Manners, an Irish-bred mare by Walmsgate, whom he also regularly rides to hounds. In the summer, Mr. Wollaston devotes himself to lawn tennis.

THE MID KENT.

THE county of Kent may be said to have been naturally formed for hunting the stag rather than hare or fox, as it was one of the most thickly wooded parts of England. History abounds with references to staghunting in the county in mediæval times, which are too numerous for reference in these notes. Coming to later date, however, it appears that about the middle of the eighteenth century the family of Dering kept a pack of staghounds at Surrenden Park, Pluckley, now the residence of Mr. Walter Winans. This pack was disbanded, but we have heard it stated, whether correctly or not we have no means of ascertaining, that some of the descendants of the pack in question formed the nucleus of the Mid Kent Staghounds, founded by Mr. Tom Rigg, of Wrotham, in 1868, with which he hunted first hare and afterwards gradually took to fallow deer. Several of his supporters in the field appreciating the delights of a good gallop, subscribed amongst themselves and presented Mr. Rigg with some red deer, and subsequently on his retirement, Mr. Ambrose Warde took over the hounds and deer, which then became a subscription pack in 1874. Mr. Warde only retained the Mastership for one season, being succeeded in 1875 by Mr. Charles Fred. Leney, of Thorndale, Watlingtonbury, who continued in command until 1883, showing much good sport with the pack, which had an increasing amount of supporters. In 1883 he was succeeded by Mr. Herbert Leney, of Blacklands, East Malling, who kept hounds for three seasons, being succeeded in 1886 by Mr. R. A. Barkley, of The Priory, Diss, who retired in 1888. Colonel North next became Master. He was well known in all sporting circles and the holder of the Blue Riband in the coursing world by his greyhound Fullerton.

In 1892, Colonel North gave place to Mr. George P. Russell, of South Darenth, who, after two seasons, retired. Mr. Augustus Leney then came forward in 1894 and took the Mastership, which he has held with such signal success up to the present date.

The present pack consists of twenty-four couples of dog hounds, averaging 24 inches in height, the blood being chiefly recruited from the Oakley. Mr. Augustus Leney hunts hounds himself and is ably seconded by J. Wilcox, first whip and kennel huntsman from the Pytchley, and W. Welch as second whip. The Hunt horses are a big, well-bred lot, averaging about 16.1½.

In the paddocks at East Malling some twenty-five red deer are kept, and amongst the best of them are included Catch of the Season and Mrs. Cork.

The country is one of the biggest and covers an area of forty square miles, in which every variety of fence is met with, including some stiff samples of water. Their hunting days are Wednesdays and Saturdays, and they are largely patronized by the officers from Canterbury, Shorncliffe, and Chatham, and their runs have included some extraordinary points.

The Hunt is a very popular one amongst the yeoman and tenant farmers of Kent; and at their annual point-to-point race meeting, hospitality is lavished to all comers, as many as 1,300 invitations being sent out, and in 1908 no less than 950 sat down to lunch on the course.

Riches come to those that have them, as water goes to the river. COLONEL NORTH was not, however, born rich. The son of business people in Leeds, he, after receiving a commercial education, was apprenticed in that town to a machine manufacturer, and subsequently went as a worker in the Steam Plough Works of Messrs. Fowler, at Hunslet. His abilities were soon recognized, and he rapidly rose to being manager to the firm. Sent by them to Peru, in charge of the firm's affairs, he saw the possibilities in the land of the Incas, and resolved to profit by them. So severing his connection with Messrs. Fowler, he started on his own account and commenced as an owner of small steamers.

Colonel
North
—Master,
1888-92.

Colonel
North.

In these craft he employed an invention of his own for the condensation of salt water (fresh being extremely scarce) and so obtained an advantage for his small fleet. His ships being destroyed in a war between Chili and Peru, the latter government, having no money, ceded him an island as compensation. This was rich in guano deposits and our subject at once saw his chance. Adopting the latest appliances he turned these deposits into wealth. Then he directed his attention to the desert waste of Tarapaca, or rather a portion of it, which abounded in deposits of nitrate of soda to the extent of many millions of tons. Finding that the transit of this produce to the coast by mules was most tedious and expensive, he induced Messrs. Montero Bros. and other capitalists to build railways. In process of time these became involved, and a messenger was sent to London to obtain £70,000 upon a mortgage which had been called in. Having a great stake in the country, Mr. North bided his time until the agent, failing elsewhere, came to him. The interview was short. Mr. North is reported to have said: "I will make you an offer on condition it is accepted or rejected before you leave this room. I will give you £95,000 cash down for your interest in the railway."

The agent asked for time.

"Yes or No," said North, locking the door.

"Yes," said the agent.

North sent for his solicitor and matters were there and then settled.

Thus he became the "Nitrate King." Of his private charities and many gifts to the public little can here be said. An owner of racehorses, he also had the best kennel of greyhounds of his day, including the mighty Fullerton and Miss Glendyne. When, in 1888, Mr. R. A. Barkley resigned his Mastership of the Mid Kent Staghounds, Colonel North was requested to take office. This he did, and for four seasons proved a most liberal and disinterested supporter of the Hunt, although growing weight forbade too much exercise in the hunting field.

Mr. R.
Tapply
—Hon. Sec.

MR. R. TAPPLY, of Thorndale, Watlingtonbury, Maidstone, was born in 1857, and commenced hunting about the age of eighteen years with the Mid Kent Staghounds, with which pack he has been associated ever since. As Secretary of the Hunt he has given up much time to its interests, and not only has he succeeded by making himself popular in the execution of his duties, but also in the field, where he is always seen well to the fore. He has in his time owned several good horses and has taken part in some of the best runs with this pack. On one occasion, "uncarting" at Staplehurst Plain, the deer took a line to Frittenden, and leaving Chidden Wood on the left, bore left handed to Tenterden, from there, still bearing left, ran between High Halden and Woodchurch to Ashford, and skirting Godington, turned sharp right handed to Mersham, where it was taken—about twenty-six miles.

Mr. Tapply is closely connected with the brewing trade, a thorough sportsman and a staunch Conservative.

Mr. F. S.
W. Cornwallis.

MR. F. S. W. CORNWALLIS, Linton Park, Maidstone, was born in May, 1864, and is the son of Mr. Fienner Wykeham Martin. Educated at Eton, he commenced hunting at about ten years of age with the Bicester Hounds, under Lord Valentia's Mastership. Two years subsequently followed with the Cheshire and various packs, chief of which, as a regular member, has been the Mid Kent Staghounds.

In 1888, Mr. Cornwallis started a pack of beagles, which he obtained from Gloucestershire, consisting of some seventeen couples of cross harrier and beagle blood: they average about 16½ inches to 17 inches throughout. Mr. Cornwallis hunts them himself with T. Peach as his assistant. The country extends from Egerton to Maidstone.

He was Conservative member for the Maidstone Division from 1888 to 1895 and again 1898–1900. He commands the West Kent Yeomanry, and is a Trustee of the Royal Agricultural Society of England and a thorough sportsman.

He belongs to the Carlton, Junior Carlton, and Bachelors' Clubs.

Mr. H.
Leney.

MR. HARRY LENEY, of Selling Court, Faversham, the son of the late Mr. Alfred Leney, of Dover, was born in 1866, educated at Cranbrook, and commenced hunting when nineteen years of age

with the Mid Kent Staghounds, with which, since that time, he has been associated. Previously, at the age of sixteen, he hunted with the West Street Harriers under Lord Granville's Mastership, his brother, Walter Leney, being then Secretary.



Photo by Elliott and Fry.

MR. H. LENEY.

Mr. Leney has only missed one season with the Mid Kent since 1886, which he spent big-game shooting in India, getting amongst others a magnificent tiger, and as the shooting was all done on foot, it is needless to say he had his full share of excitement.

He instances as one of his best runs from Amber field, where Knight of Surrenden was uncarted, and after a very fast run over a big country was taken at Surrenden, a point of about fourteen miles, only three were up at the end, although some five or six appeared within about ten minutes, the former including Mr. Augustus Leney (Master), our subject, and one other.

His best horses include Regie, bought at Tattersalls, out of Jay's stables, a big, upstanding bay gelding, about 16.2, for which he gave 180 guineas, whilst Jack, by Ascetic, dam unknown, was a fine hunter and performer over any country.

Mr. Leney farms on a large scale, being chiefly interested in hops; he belongs to the East Kent Club, and is a member of the Royal Society Club.

CAPTAIN SOMERSET E. D. WEBB was born in 1867; he is the son of the late Rev. Ambrose Webb, of Dysart, Galen, Queen's County, Ireland.

Captain S.
E. D. Webb.

At the age of ten he commenced hunting with the Queen's County Hounds, under Mr. Robert Hamilton Stubber, then the Master; the Hunt shortly afterwards ceased to exist for want of funds, and was not revived for a considerable period. Captain Webb went into the Kilkenny country, then ruled over by Mr. Langrishe.

Going to Sandhurst to prepare for the Service, he hunted, whenever opportunity occurred, with Mr. Garth's, the Queen's, and the Drag. He ultimately joined the 65th York and Lancaster, then at Sheffield. When stationed at York, in 1888, he hunted with the York and Ainsty and South Durham (Mr. Rogerson). In 1890 the regiment was quartered in Ireland, and Captain Webb saw sport with the King's County and Ormond pack (Master, Mr. Ashton Biddulph), and the Huntingdon Harriers; also the Kilkenny Foxhounds. Later, moving to Cork, he hunted with the "United," South Union, and Duhallo, and also with the Westmeath and Kildare. On his return to England he was quartered at Pontefract, where he hunted with the Badsworth and Bramham Moor, and subsequently being moved to Colchester, with the Essex and Suffolk and East Essex. To ring the changes, he used to take a prominent part in the hunting of his regimental beagles; having a by-day with the Tickham when at Chatham, and another season with the York and Ainsty. 1899 saw him en route for the South African War, through which he served with distinction, taking part in the relief of Ladysmith, and Spion Kop and Tugela operations, and gaining six bars to the Queen's Medal. In 1904 he retired and settled at his seat at Hengherst, Woodchurch, from whence he now hunts with most of the neighbouring packs.

He married, in 1899, Miss Schreiber, daughter of Mr. Arthur Schreiber.

Captain Webb considers the best runs he has enjoyed have been in Ireland, notably one with the Duhallo, from Buttevant, over an entirely grass country, and very fast, with an eleven-mile point.



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CAPTAIN SOMERSET E. D. WEBB.

Captain
S. E. D.
Webb.

Amongst the prominent members in the van were several Bechers, Messrs. Hughes, and Barry of "Castle Cor," former Master, and Lord Emmisnore.

His best horses include Lismore, bought from Lord Decies, who ran in three "points" and won once, the Ashford Valley 1907; was second in the Mid Kent 1906; and third Mid Kent 1907.

Captain Webb is a good preserver, not only of foxes and hares, but also of "feather." A keen shot and good all-round sportsman, he belongs to the Naval and Military, Blenheim, and Royal Automobile Clubs.

Mr. H.
White.



MR. H. WHITE.

1875-83, and also one season subsequently. He has owned many good horses, and includes amongst the best a grey gelding by Achilles, which he hunted for ten seasons, and a dark brown gelding, 15.3, by Young Dutchman, a son of Flying Dutchman. Mr. White won a cup given by Sir E. Filmer at the 3rd Dragoon Guards' Steeplechase at East Sutton in 1873 on Mr. C. F. Leney's Rocket.

He considers that amongst many runs in which he has taken part, one of his best to have been with an outlier from Hatch's Wood, where the snow lay in deep drifts in the woods and against fences. From Hatch's Wood *viâ* Lenham to Hothfield down to Shirley Marshes, very fast, then slower, hunting for another seven miles, when they took their quarry, having covered a point of twenty-three miles. Mr. G. Russell, States, kennel huntsman, Charles Chambers, whip, Herbert White, and H. Leney being the only ones in at the finish.

Another run with Moonshine of six hours' duration, finding him, as an outlier, on Sir E. Filmer's land, ran up towards Maidstone and down to Linton Park, then to Headcorn, Pluckley, and Hawkhurst, taking four miles beyond the latter place, a run of six miles; only two of the field who saw the run out getting home that night.

MR. HERBERT WHITE, The Poplars, Maidstone, was born in 1846, and is the son of Mr. Thomas White, of Watlingbury Hall. He commenced hunting as a child of eight years with the West Kent Foxhounds, and subsequently with the Southdown, under the late Mr. Freeman Thomas, Bridger Champion (late of Lord Zetland's), then being huntsman.

Mr. Herbert White has been associated with the Mid Kent Staghounds since, as a subscription pack, it came into existence up to the present time, and was one of the original Committee when Mr. Charles Leney took over the hounds. He was Secretary to the Hunt for eight years,



MRS. WHITE.

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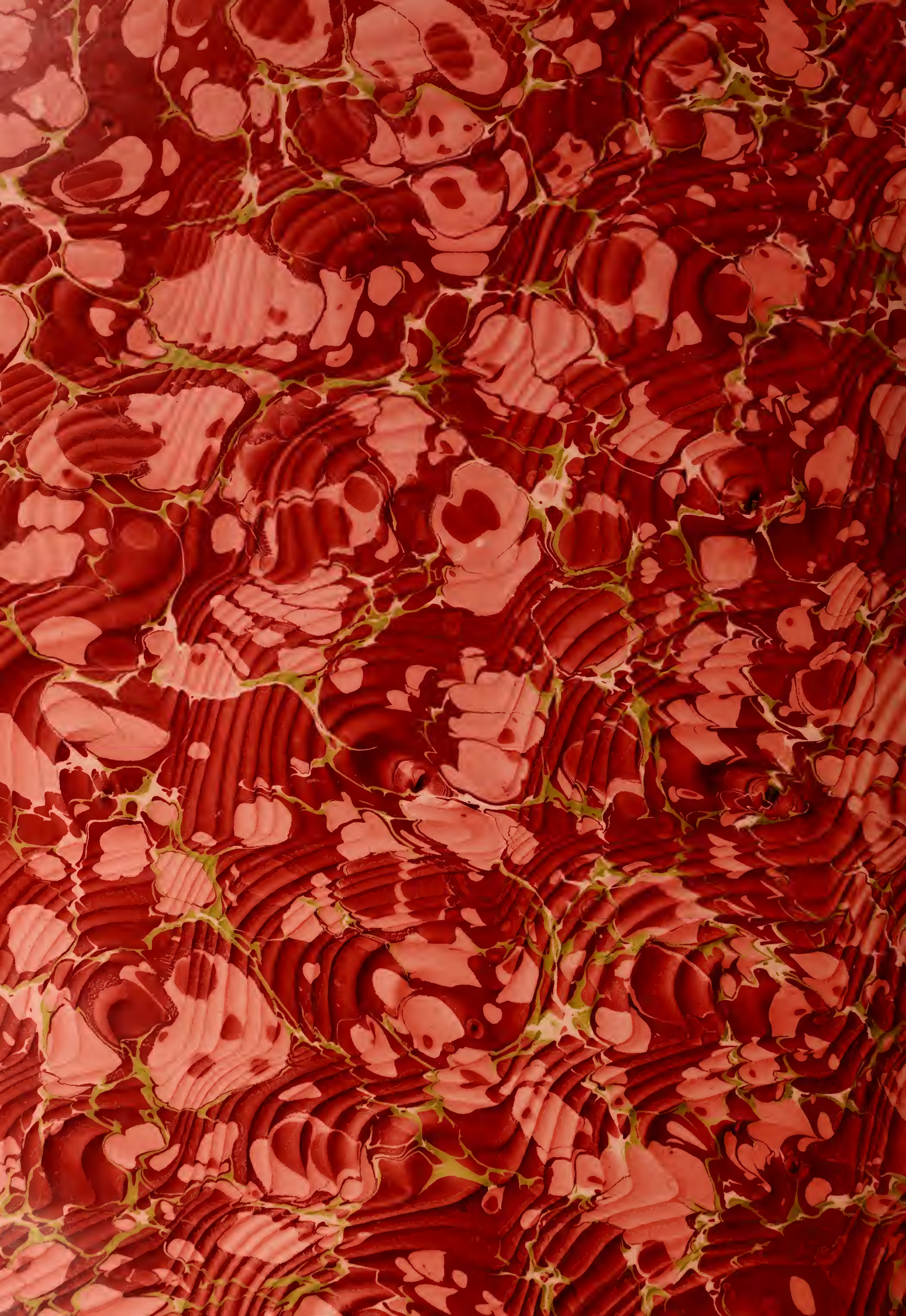
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